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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LONG-TERM CARE RESOURCE PROGRAM AT KAPIOLANI  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that family caregivers  
2 have a complex responsibility but consistently report that they  
3 are not prepared for these roles. This lack of training occurs  
4 throughout the caregiving experience, but is most apparent when  
5 care recipients are discharged from hospitals or short-term  
6 nursing home stays after an illness or accident. Formal  
7 instruction is often sporadic and inadequate. Families are  
8 expected to perform skilled nursing care but without the  
9 training that professionals must receive.

10           Family caregiver needs for information and training change  
11 throughout the course of their loved one's illness. They must  
12 have opportunities to learn new skills as they become necessary,  
13 access new resources, and learn about care options as the  
14 situation changes. Families also need honest information about  
15 the financial, social and health-related consequences of various  
16 arrangements for care and they must share in the decision-making  
17 about care arrangements.



1 Hawaii's long-term care workforce shortages and its impact  
 2 will become increasingly difficult on families as the aging  
 3 population increases. The demand for services for individuals  
 4 needing long-term care will outpace the supply of care workers  
 5 and will worsen if not addressed. Therefore, the legislature  
 6 believes that family caregivers must have appropriate, timely,  
 7 and ongoing education and training in order to successfully meet  
 8 their caregiving responsibilities. In addition, family  
 9 caregivers and their loved ones must be assured of an  
 10 affordable, well qualified, and sustainable eldercare workforce.

11 The purpose of this Act is to lengthen the eldercare  
 12 workforce training program at Kapiolani Community College from 9  
 13 to 12 months.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_, or so much  
 16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the  
 17 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
 18 2008-2009, to the Kapiolani community college for the purposes  
 19 of this Act.

20 SECTION 3. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the  
 21 University of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

22 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



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**Report Title:**

Long-Term Care

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to Kapiolani Community College to train a workforce to care for the State's elder population.

