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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK'S LONG-TERM CASE MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF MAJOR NATURAL DISASTERS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that as a result of the  
2 number of major natural disasters that have occurred globally in  
3 the past year and the difficulties that arose in providing a  
4 swift, appropriate, and effective response to the victims of  
5 those events, the United States Federal Emergency Management  
6 Agency began to identify gaps in its response system. Among  
7 other things, the Federal Emergency Management Agency noted that  
8 recovery from major natural disasters takes much longer than  
9 anyone had ever anticipated. Further, there is virtually no  
10 established system that provides long-term case management  
11 services to victims that identifies the on-going needs of the  
12 affected communities and develops, coordinates, and distributes  
13 resources to meet those needs.

14           Through an arrangement with Catholic Charities United  
15 States of America, short-term funding was awarded in 2006 to the  
16 University of Hawaii school of social work for a demonstration  
17 project that would develop and implement a training program and



1 curriculum for local social service providers. The project  
2 staff also worked with other service providers in the area of  
3 disaster relief to develop a more coordinated case management  
4 response to natural disasters occurring locally.

5 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the  
6 continuation and expansion of the University of Hawaii school of  
7 social work's long-term case management training program for  
8 victims of major natural disasters.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$160,000 or so much  
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 to  
12 continue operation of the University of Hawaii's school of  
13 social work's long-term case management training program for  
14 victims of major natural disasters and to expand the program  
15 from Oahu to University of Hawaii community college campuses on  
16 the neighbor islands, particularly Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of  
18 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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**Report Title:**

University of Hawaii School of Social Work; Natural Disasters

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the continuation and expansion of the University of Hawaii school of social work's long-term case management training program for victims of major natural disasters.

