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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. Furthermore, there is virtually no  
10 established system that provides long-term case management  
11 services to victims that identifies the ongoing 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 \$1 or so much thereof  
11 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 to continue the  
12 operations of the University of Hawaii's school of social work's  
13 long-term case management training program for victims of major  
14 natural disasters, and to expand the program from Oahu to  
15 University of Hawaii community college campuses on the neighbor  
16 islands, particularly on Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii; provided that  
17 the program shall submit to the legislature, no later than  
18 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of  
19 2008, a report on the status and progress of its operation and  
20 expansion efforts, including efforts to pursue alternative  
21 sources of funding.



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

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



**Report Title:**

UH 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. (HB1720 HD1)

