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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII FOR PEACE EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that during these 2 politically tumultuous times, it is of great import to develop 3 and support programs that are dedicated to the studies of peace 4 and conflict resolution. Escalating violence, not only evident 5 among nations and peoples, as in the war in Iraq, but also within our own island community signifies a troubled future if 6 efforts are not made to promote peace throughout all aspects of 7 8 our everyday lives.

9 The legislature further finds that in 1985, the University 10 of Hawaii established the Institute of Peace, now the Spark M. 11 Matsunaga Institute for Peace, in the hope that, in Senator 12 Matsunaga's words, "every student enrolled in Hawaii's public 13 university system will be exposed to peace studies." 14 Accordingly, the Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace is a 15 multi-disciplinary academic community of scholars, students, practitioners, and visitors who, through teaching, research, 16 17 service, and application, seek to:

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1	(1)	Educate and train professionals and future leaders in
2		applied peacemaking and conflict resolution;
3	(2)	Develop and apply innovations to the peaceful
4		resolution of conflictslocally, regionally,
5		nationally, and globally;
6	(3)	Address contemporary problems within Hawaii, the Asia-
7		Pacific region, the continental United States and the
8		world; and
9	(4)	Use its strategic Pacific location to bring people
10		together and renew the University's responsibility to
11		provide a safe sanctuary for a civil and respectful
12		exchange of perspectives and ideas.
13	The 1	legislature further finds that efforts to combat the
14	escalating violence in our communities and schools has been	
15	recently addressed by this legislature in 2007, pursuant to	
16	house concurrent resolution number 55, which requested the	
17	department of education to conduct a study on the feasibility of	
18	integrating peace education into the public school curriculum	
19	and report back to the legislature with its findings on the	
20	issue.	
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21 The legislature continues in its dedication to promoting 22 peace and peace education in Hawaii through supporting peace 2008-0342 HB SMA-2.doc

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education programs. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate
 funds for the hiring of necessary staff and research,
 operations, and activities at the Spark M. Matsunaga Institute
 for Peace.

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$175,498 or so much 7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for 8 staffing for the Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace; 9 provided that the funds shall be allocated for the following 10 permanent positions:

11 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) director position
12 at the associate professor level (\$79,498);

13 (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) administrative,

14 professional, and technical position for

15 administrative and fiscal work (\$41,000); and

16 (3) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) assistant professor
17 position (\$55,000).

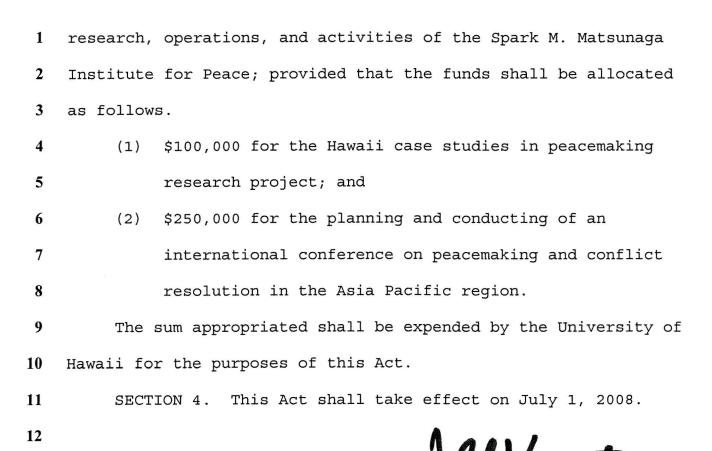
18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of 19 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general 21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$350,000 or so much

- 22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
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Description:

Appropriates funds for the Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace at the University of Hawaii for the hiring of a director; administrative, professional, and technical staff; and an assistant professor. Also appropriates funds for research and an international conference.

