
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSING EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that numerous studies
2 have recognized the national shortage of qualified nurses which
3 will reach a twenty per cent staffing shortfall by 2020. In
4 2006, Hawaii experienced a shortage of nine hundred sixty
5 registered nurses. The nursing shortage is estimated to grow to
6 2,220 registered nurses by 2016 and 2,670 registered nurses by
7 2020. A nursing shortage jeopardizes the quality of health care
8 provided in hospitals, nursing homes, hospices, clinics, and
9 other health care settings. Without enough registered nurses,
10 patient safety is at risk and the rural and underserved
11 communities are most affected.

12 The nursing shortage is exacerbated by the increasing
13 number of the aging population. Hawaii's population is aging
14 faster than the rest of the country. Between 2000 and 2020 the
15 number of people aged sixty years or older will increase by
16 almost seventy-five per cent. Because Hawaii's registered nurse
17 workforce is also aging, estimates indicate that by 2015,
18 thirty-one per cent of Hawaii's registered nurse workforce will



1 retire. By 2020, sixty-one per cent of Hawaii's current
2 workforce will retire. The already significant shortage of
3 registered nurses is creating a crisis that will be worsened by
4 the State's geographic isolation.

5 The legislature finds that key to promoting the health of
6 Hawaii are efforts to increase the educational capacity of the
7 State's nursing programs. The nursing programs are impacted by
8 the number of faculty and support positions and adequate
9 facilities available. Increasing faculty training and nursing
10 graduates requires a minimum of two to five years. The
11 legislature finds that an ongoing and strategic public sector
12 approach is necessary to sustain a robust, qualified nursing
13 workforce to meet Hawaii's anticipated health care needs.

14 The legislature agrees with the University of Hawaii's
15 statewide nursing consortium commitment to maximize the State's
16 investment in nursing education, without unnecessary duplication
17 among the various campuses. The legislature recognizes that the
18 University of Hawaii plays a vital role in nursing workforce
19 development in Hawaii.

20 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
21 University of Hawaii to hire more nursing faculty and support
22 positions, provide nursing scholarships and loans, increase



1 facilities, advance the work of the statewide nursing
2 consortium, and provide distance learning.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,664,150, or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
6 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
7 year 2008-2009, for the University of Hawaii to hire additional
8 nursing personnel for the various campuses, as follows:

9 (1) School of nursing and dental hygiene, University of
10 Hawaii at Manoa: faculty, program, and student
11 services program support to expand Manoa nursing
12 courses to the leeward-side (at Leeward community
13 college) and to develop an innovative course of study
14 providing a second career master's program:

15 18 positions (2007-2008) \$2,000,000

16 18 positions (2008-2009) \$2,000,000

17 (2) Kapiolani community college: faculty and student
18 services program support to expand enrollment:

19 4 positions (2007-2008) \$263,888

20 10 positions (2008-2009) \$749,272

21 (3) Hawaii community college: faculty and student services
22 program support to expand enrollment:



1	5 positions (2007-2008)	\$342,750
2	2 positions (2008-2009)	\$186,308
3	(4) Maui community college: Faculty and student services	
4	program support to expand enrollment:	
5	8.5 positions (2007-2008)	\$606,625
6	8.5 positions (2008-2009)	\$606,625
7	(5) Kauai community college: Faculty and student services	
8	program support to expand enrollment:	
9	5 positions (2007-2008)	\$365,875
10	10 positions (2008-2009)	\$749,272
11	(6) University of Hawaii at Hilo: Faculty and student	
12	services program support to expand enrollment:	
13	6 positions (2007-2008)	\$436,400
14	2.5 positions (2008-2009)	\$214,000

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000, or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
18 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
19 2008-2009, for the University of Hawaii to create a graduate
20 nursing faculty loan program with loan forgiveness for those who
21 work as faculty in the State after graduating; provided that to
22 be eligible for the graduate nursing faculty loan, the



1 individual shall be a Hawaii resident and enrolled at a
2 University of Hawaii nursing program as a full- or part-time
3 student in a master of science in nursing program; provided
4 further that the program shall allow loan forgiveness of \$5,000
5 a year up to five years; provided further that for every year of
6 loan forgiveness, the recipient shall work for one year as a
7 nurse educator at the University of Hawaii.

8 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000, or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
11 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
12 2008-2009, for the University of Hawaii to create a nursing
13 student scholarship program; provided that to be eligible for
14 the nursing student scholarship program, the individual shall be
15 enrolled as a full- or part-time student in a University of
16 Hawaii associate, bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree
17 nursing program; provided further that need, and merit such as
18 class rank, grade point average, and service activities, shall
19 be considered in selecting recipients.

20 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$750,000, or so much
22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the



1 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
2 2008-2009, for the University of Hawaii school of nursing and
3 dental hygiene to conduct facility planning and development and
4 tasks necessary to expand the school's physical facility to
5 provide optimal educational experiences and for students to
6 participate in cross disciplinary education with other students
7 in the health sciences, and provide temporary classrooms for all
8 nursing programs.

9 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$545,000, or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
12 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
13 2008-2009, for the University of Hawaii statewide nursing
14 consortium to undertake implementation of a statewide nursing
15 curriculum utilizing a statewide distance-learning network to
16 all islands that will prepare students with the competencies to
17 address the rapidly changing health care needs of the State;
18 provided that funding shall support personnel and staff
19 positions for the curriculum development phase, and expenses to
20 convert existing classroom space and purchase equipment to
21 establish a distance learning center on each island; provided
22 further that distance learning centers shall expand the current



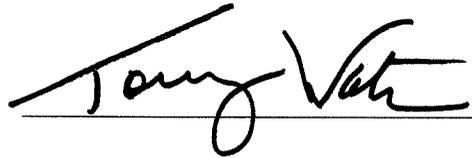
1 distance learning modalities to offer the statewide curriculum;
2 provided further that the University of Hawaii at Manoa school
3 of nursing and dental hygiene shall administer the funding and
4 coordinate the activities of the consortium.

5 SECTION 7. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
6 University of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

UH; Nursing Education

Description:

Appropriates funds for nursing education at the University of Hawaii.

