
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE COLLEGE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, when the Hawaiian
2 language college was established at the University of Hawaii at
3 Hilo in 1997, it was the first college whose internal operations
4 were to be conducted in a native American language. The
5 legislature also finds that, since 1982, when its baccalaureate
6 program was approved by the board of regents of the University
7 of Hawaii, the Hawaiian language college has added the State's
8 first Hawaiian language master of arts degree, the first
9 Hawaiian language teacher education program, the first Hawaiian
10 laboratory school, the first Hawaiian language doctorate degree,
11 and other baccalaureate and graduate level programs that have
12 made the college and Hawaii a national leader in indigenous
13 language teaching and revitalization.

14 The Hawaiian language college is also the site of the
15 primary support offices for Hawaiian language immersion and
16 Hawaiian language education for schools throughout the State.
17 It produces the mamaka kaiao, a modern Hawaiian terminology
18 dictionary, and curriculum for all twelve grades of Hawaiian



1 immersion and education. The college also oversees the server
2 for the ulukau electronic Hawaiian library, the leoki Hawaiian
3 email and internet service for the State's Hawaiian speaking
4 students and teachers, the Hawaiian content of the bilingual
5 imiloa astronomy education center for Hawaiian culture, and
6 offers other services for both Hawaiian speakers and speakers of
7 other indigenous languages of the Pacific and the world.

8 The legislature further finds that funding for the college
9 and its programs and faculty has not been consistent with the
10 achievements and activities of the college on a campus, state,
11 national, and international level.

12 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to support
13 the goals and activities of the Hawaiian language college at the
14 University of Hawaii at Hilo.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for
18 Hawaiian language education and immersion programs of the
19 Hawaiian language college at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

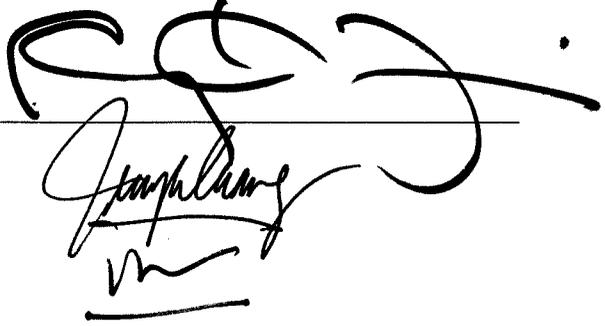
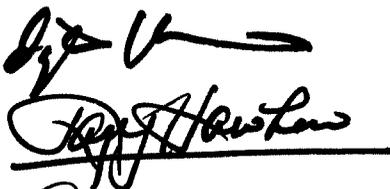
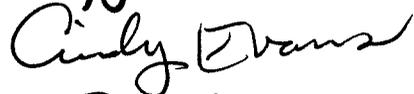
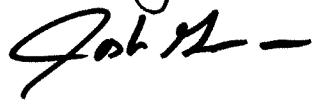
20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
21 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.



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

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Education; Hawaiian Language College; Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii at Hilo for the Hawaiian language college for educational purposes.

