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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CENTER ON AGING.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the University of
- 2 Hawaii center on aging is a key partner in the aging network and
- 3 provides consultation, research, and program development and
- 4 evaluation in collaboration with government and service
- 5 providers.
- 6 The legislature also finds that gerontological education
- 7 and workforce development are critical to preparing for the
- 8 State's aging population. Hawaii's population is aging at a
- 9 faster rate than the rest of the nation, and kupuna in Hawaii
- 10 have the highest life expectancy in the nation. Between 1980
- 11 and 2010, Hawaii's population of individuals age sixty and older
- 12 increased one hundred forty per cent. By 2030, it is expected
- 13 that twenty-three per cent of the State's overall population
- 14 will be older adults.
- 15 The legislature further finds that the development of
- 16 Hawaii's workforce to care for and address the needs of older
- 17 adults has not kept pace with the growing population of kupuna.



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- 1 The University of Hawaii center on aging has recognized this gap
- 2 and will be well-equipped to address the need with two
- 3 additional faculty positions. Currently staffed by an interim
- 4 director and administrative assistant, the center on aging's
- 5 capacity to expand and create educational initiatives is
- 6 limited. An associate professor and assistant specialist
- 7 position will enable the center on aging to achieve its
- 8 educational mission. Specifically, the center on aging can
- 9 develop and teach gerontology courses on campus and provide
- 10 continuing education and technical assistance in the community.
- 11 The development and teaching of gerontology courses will be
- 12 invaluable, enabling students from all disciplines to view their
- 13 studies with an aging lens and to better prepare for, support,
- 14 and address the needs of older adults. Finally, the center on
- 15 aging will be able to offer opportunities for lifelong learning,
- 16 continuing education, and training for professionals in the
- 17 aging network.
- 18 The purpose of this Act is to fund an associate professor
- 19 and assistant specialist position within the University of
- 20 Hawaii center on aging.

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- 1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$86,532 or so much
- 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to fund
- 4 one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) associate professor position
- 5 within the University of Hawaii center on aging.
- 6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
- 7 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
- 8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,924 or so much 9
- 10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to fund
- one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) assistant specialist position 11
- 12 within the University of Hawaii center on aging.
- 13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
- 14 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
- 15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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### Report Title:

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### Description:

Appropriates funds for a permanent full-time associate professor and permanent full-time assistant specialist position within the University of Hawaii center on aging.

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