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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that sexual violence is  
2 prevalent on college campuses. Nationally, one in five women is  
3 sexually assaulted while in college. Approximately one-third of  
4 these sexual assaults are perpetrated on women who are first  
5 year students between the ages of seventeen and nineteen. Also,  
6 women aged sixteen to twenty-four are at the highest risk for  
7 experiencing abuse by an intimate partner.

8       Although data on sexual violence on college campuses is not  
9 widely available and incidents are under reported, Hawaii's  
10 college students are not unaffected by this problem. For  
11 example, in 2011, the University of Hawaii at Manoa alone  
12 reported twelve forcible sex offense occurrences on campus. In  
13 2012 the campus reported eleven occurrences, and in 2013 the  
14 campus reported eight occurrences. In addition, in the Hawaii  
15 commission on the status of women's survey on sexual and  
16 relationship violence, conducted during the 2010 academic year,  
17 thirty-nine female respondents reported being sexually assaulted



1 since starting school at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.  
2 Three of these respondents did not tell anyone about the sexual  
3 assault after it happened. Fifteen respondents reported being  
4 raped since starting school at the University of Hawaii at  
5 Manoa.

6 The legislature further finds that violence against women  
7 is a continuing problem that must be addressed. Ending campus  
8 sexual violence is a combined endeavor of effective response and  
9 intervention with awareness education to change attitudes and  
10 behaviors. The federal government has recognized the need for  
11 institutions of higher education to have systems in place to  
12 investigate and report instances of sexual violence. However,  
13 just as important, universities are obligated to provide  
14 comprehensive ongoing prevention education, bystander  
15 intervention training, and training to students, faculty, and  
16 staff to address these criminal acts.

17 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits  
18 discrimination on the basis of sex in the administration of any  
19 education program receiving federal financial assistance and  
20 bans sexual harassment, discrimination against pregnant and  
21 parenting students, and the use of stereotypes and other



1 barriers to limit a person's access to a particular educational  
2 field. The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013  
3 is aimed at ending violence against women and girls and  
4 remedying laws and social practices that, in the past, have  
5 fostered and justified violence against women and girls. The  
6 Act improves institutional responses to violence to ensure that  
7 survivors of sexual assault have access to necessary services.  
8 Further, it provides access to services for gay, lesbian,  
9 bisexual and transgender survivors who frequently are excluded  
10 from services, and it also ensures that survivors of sexual  
11 assault in Native American communities and in the United States  
12 territories have access to justice.

13 The legislature finds that compliance with federal mandates  
14 to effectively address campus sexual violence requires  
15 additional resources as follows:

- 16 (1) Staff, including investigators, coordinators,  
17 educational specialists, and trainers; and
- 18 (2) Materials, including online training materials for  
19 staff and students and professional development and  
20 operating supplies.



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1       The purpose of this Act is to provide sufficient resources  
2       to the University of Hawaii to ensure compliance with federal  
3       mandates to address campus sexual violence.

4       SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
5       revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,139,182 or so much  
6       thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the  
7       same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
8       2016-2017 for staff and materials to comply with Title IX of the  
9       Education Amendments of 1972 and the Violence Against Women  
10      Reauthorization Act of 2013 at each of the University of Hawaii  
11      system campuses.

12      The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University  
13      of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

14      SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Appropriates moneys for positions and materials to comply with  
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Violence  
Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013.

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