
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. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
5 2016-2017 to enable the University of Hawaii sea grant college
6 program to develop disaster preparedness educational materials
7 and to conduct community outreach seminars.

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

10 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

Calvin K. Y. Ang
JAN 28 2015



Report Title:

Disaster Preparedness Education; University of Hawaii; Sea Grant
College Program; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys to the University of Hawaii Sea Grant
College Program to develop disaster preparedness educational
materials and conduct community outreach seminars.

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From: Helen Nakano <hanafudahawaii@gmail.com>
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Subject: HB656 Appropriates moneys to the UH Sea Grant College Program

Testifier: Helen T. Nakano

Position: Co-Chair, Be Ready Manoa Committee on Community Outreach and Education Directed to House Committee on Higher Education; House Financial Committee

Hearing: Tuesday 2/9/16

Be Ready Manoa is an unincorporated community group which has organized citizens in Manoa Valley to prepare for hazards since 2014.

Dennis Hwang of the UH Sea Grant Program has provided invaluable assistance, advice and resources to our group on numerous occasions including our Disaster Preparedness Fair in 2014, presentations to church and school leadership in our community, and most recently, in October 3, 2015, at our Manoa community workshop.

Since joining Be Ready Manoa, I have worked with numerous subject experts and read a number of manuals, pamphlets, and other instructional materials provided by them.

I consider the manual which Professor Hwang prepared, "Homeowner's Guide to Prepare for Natural Hazards" an exceptional resource. It is simple to read, easy to understand and filled with practical advice. The best I have yet seen. Please continue to fund the Sea Grant program. This is the kind of support that our communities want and need.

Aloha,

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Position: Incident Commander, Manoa Valley Community Emergency Response Team (MVCERT)

Directed to: House Committee on Higher Education and House Financial Committee

Hearing: Tuesday 2/9/16

Manoa Valley Community Emergency Response Team (MVCERT) and the other Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) around our state really benefit from the work of Professor Dennis Hwang and the UH Sea Grant College Program. The manual which Professor Hwang prepared, "Homeowner's Guide to Prepare for Natural Hazards" is an exceptional resource for CERT groups. It is simple to read, easy to understand and filled with practical advice. Please continue to fund the UH Sea Grant College Program. This is the kind of support our communities want and need.

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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Higher Education
February 9, 2016 at 2:00 pm
by

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and
Darren Okimoto, Associate Director
Dennis Hwang, Coastal Hazard Mitigation Specialist
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HB 656 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program (Hawai'i Sea Grant) supports the intent of HB 656 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the University's Board of Regents Approved Executive Biennium Budget. This legislation endeavors to enable the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program to develop disaster preparedness educational materials and to disseminate these educational resources statewide through community outreach workshops and seminars.

The 2015 hurricane season beat all previous records for tropical cyclone activity in the Central Pacific with 15 tropical cyclones (tropical cyclones are either tropical depressions, tropical storms, or hurricanes). Residents in the state of Hawai'i were very fortunate that none of these systems struck the Hawaiian Islands. In 1982, Hurricane 'Iwa caused \$320 million in damages on Kaua'i and in 1992, the damage caused by Hurricane Iniki was \$2 billion. As those in our emergency management community continually advise Hawai'i stakeholders, it's not a matter of if, but when Hawai'i will experience a natural disaster.

In 2007, Hawai'i Sea Grant produced the *Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Natural Hazards* publication that provides useful tips regarding readiness for natural hazards that may affect Hawai'i, including tsunami and hurricanes. The handbook lists local civil defense and emergency management agency information, emergency shelter locations, as well as lessons learned from Hurricane Iselle. This publication is currently in its third edition with a little over 75,000 copies printed to date and distributed to Hawai'i residents and partners around the state.

HB 656 provides funding support to Hawai'i Sea Grant for developing disaster preparedness educational materials and conducting systematic and targeted outreach to Hawai'i stakeholders statewide that increases community resilience to coastal hazards. The University of Hawai'i through Hawai'i Sea Grant is well positioned to carry this out and has demonstrated success through its homeowner's handbook publication (see website link below).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

<http://seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/homeowners-handbook-prepare-natural-hazards>