

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 the colleges of arts
- 2 and sciences of the University of Hawaii at Manoa teach fifty-
- 3 five per cent of total student semester hours at the University
- 4 of Hawaii at Manoa, enroll forty-two per cent of students at the
- 5 University of Hawaii at Manoa, and employ forty-eight per cent
- 6 of faculty at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. However, the
- 7 colleges of arts and sciences receive only eighteen per cent of
- 8 the combined tuition and general funds allocated to the
- 9 University of Hawaii at Manoa.
- 10 Fiscal cuts over multiple years have led to a substantial
- 11 number of faculty positions remaining unfilled, seriously
- 12 eroding the ability of instructional units to recruit, hire, and
- 13 retain faculty of the highest caliber, maintain research and
- 14 publication standards, and replace worn-out equipment.
- 15 Furthermore, these budgetary cuts have led to a long-term
- 16 decline in faculty morale at the colleges of arts and sciences,



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- 1 which threatens to undermine the core mission of the University
- 2 of Hawaii itself.
- 3 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to make an additional
- 4 one-time appropriation of \$7,500,000 to the colleges of arts and
- 5 sciences of the University of Hawaii at Manoa to help address
- 6 the fiscal challenges that the colleges have faced in recent
- 7 years.
- 8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$7,500,000 or so much
- 10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the
- 11 colleges of arts and sciences of the University of Hawaii at
- 12 Manoa; provided that this sum shall be separate from any funding
- 13 that the colleges of arts and sciences would ordinarily receive
- 14 from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.
- 15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
- 16 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
- 17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Appropriation; Colleges of Arts and Sciences

Description:

Makes an additional one-time appropriation for the Colleges of Arts and Sciences of the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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