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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 201-17,  
2 Hawaii Revised Statutes, creates an office of international  
3 affairs within the department of business, economic development,  
4 and tourism that, among other things, is in charge of  
5 encouraging the development of international sister-city  
6 programs, pairing Hawaii cities with cities around the globe for  
7 artistic, cultural, economic, educational, and faith-based  
8 exchanges. Through the Study Hawaii Educational Consortium, the  
9 department of business, economic development, and tourism is  
10 planning to fund additional efforts to market Hawaii-based  
11 secondary and baccalaureate educational institutions to  
12 potential international students from China, Japan, Korea, and  
13 other Asian countries. Although maintaining and increasing the  
14 number of international students supports Hawaii's current  
15 economy, the office of international affairs has not pursued  
16 many programs to expose local residents and students to



1 potential opportunities working in Asia-Pacific countries or  
2 with Asia-Pacific investors in Hawaii.

3       The legislature further finds that the University of Hawaii  
4 Maui College, in partnership with local businesses, will be  
5 sending its first cohort of "New Sakadas" to leading  
6 universities in the Philippines to provide selected students an  
7 educational and cultural experience in a nation with the tenth  
8 fastest growing economy of 2017. The University of Hawaii-West  
9 Oahu has been exploring opportunities to send enrolled students  
10 to universities in Japan, Korea, and China to enhance economic  
11 and cultural opportunities for Hawaii residents in those  
12 countries and the Asia-Pacific region. With a local population  
13 largely made of descendants of plantation workers and immigrants  
14 from the Philippines, Japan, China, Korea, and other parts of  
15 the Asia-Pacific region, Hawaii's residents should take  
16 advantage of these cultural and historic ties for the potential  
17 economic benefit to the State. This educational opportunity  
18 allows students to become familiar with nations in these regions  
19 and exposes local Hawaii students to these nations in an  
20 educational and cultural setting.



1           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
2 University of Hawaii to fund one or more programs sponsored or  
3 organized by the University of Hawaii community colleges or a  
4 four-year campus to implement international college experiences  
5 for Hawaii students enrolled at a University of Hawaii campus.

6           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much  
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the  
9 University of Hawaii to fund one or more programs sponsored or  
10 organized by the University of Hawaii community colleges or a  
11 four-year campus to implement international college experiences  
12 for Hawaii students enrolled at a University of Hawaii campus.

13           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of  
14 Hawaii, in collaboration with the department of business,  
15 economic development, and tourism for the purposes of this Act.

16           SECTION 3. The University of Hawaii shall submit a report  
17 of its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later  
18 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
19 of 2019. The report shall also identify the University of  
20 Hawaii campuses that are participating in one or more of the



1 programs that are implementing international college experiences  
2 for Hawaii students enrolled at a University of Hawaii campus.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.



**Report Title:**

International Education Programs; Office of International Affairs; University of Hawaii; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the University of Hawaii, in collaboration with the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to fund one or more programs sponsored or organized by the University of Hawaii community colleges or a four-year campus to implement international college experiences for Hawaii students enrolled at a University of Hawaii campus.  
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