
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 for the
2 office of international affairs to fund, by grant, one or more
3 programs sponsored or organized by a University of Hawaii campus
4 to implement international college experiences for University of
5 Hawaii students.

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

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

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

International Education Programs; Office of International Affairs; UH; Appropriation

Description:

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