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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaiian is an
2 official language of the State and the legislature has a unique
3 responsibility to promote its use and study. In fulfillment of
4 that responsibility, the 1997 legislature mandated the
5 establishment of a Hawaiian language college at the University
6 of Hawai'i at Hilo with a mission to operate a Hawaiian language
7 medium laboratory school, a Hawaiian medium teacher education
8 program, a Hawaiian language materials and resource center, and
9 a language revitalization focused graduate program and perform
10 outreach to other indigenous people.

11 The legislature further finds that the Hawaiian language
12 college established in accordance with the legislative mandate
13 was named Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani in honor of Princess Ruth
14 Ke'elikōlani, who was well-known for her commitment to the
15 maintenance and normalized use of the Hawaiian language and
16 culture in government and community functions. In 2014, the
17 State completed the first phase of a building plan for the



1 Hawaiian language college that housed classrooms, but other
2 needs relative to the Hawaiian language curriculum and resource
3 center, demonstration classrooms for its teacher education
4 program, and facilities for outreach to other indigenous peoples
5 were placed on hold for the future. Growth in enrollment,
6 programming, and international prominence of the work of the
7 Hawaiian language college are such that it is appropriate at
8 this time to fund facilities earlier placed on hold. There is
9 especially a need to include facilities related to the teacher
10 preparation, curriculum development, and outreach functions of
11 the Hawaiian language college.

12 The purpose of this Act is to require and appropriate funds
13 to the University of Hawai'i at Hilo to, in collaboration with
14 faculty, staff, and other partners, update and strengthen the
15 plans for full development of Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The University of Hawai'i at Hilo, in
17 collaboration with Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani faculty, staff,
18 and other partners, shall develop a plan for full development of
19 Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani.

20 (b) The University of Hawai'i at Hilo shall submit its
21 plan, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no



1 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
2 session of 2019.

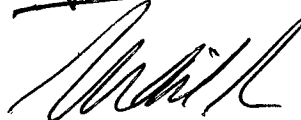
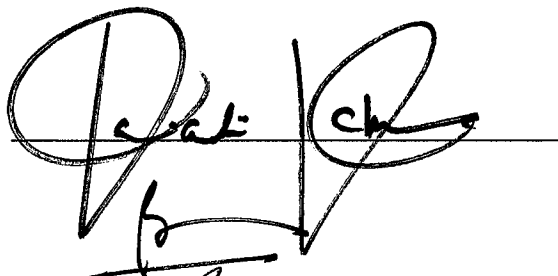
3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to
6 the University of Hawai'i at Hilo to update and strengthen the
7 plans for full development of Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
9 Hawai'i for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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