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# 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 believes that the State must  
2 create an inclusive and fair criminal legal system devoted to  
3 restoration and healing, particularly addressing the disparate  
4 challenges facing Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islander  
5 communities, and people of color in the criminal legal system.  
6 These ongoing challenges include intergenerational poverty and  
7 trauma, insufficient support services, and inadequate housing  
8 and are reflected in their disparate levels of incarceration.  
9 To address these issues of statewide concern, the State must  
10 rely on the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the research,  
11 community engagement, and teaching capacities of the William S.  
12 Richardson school of law, the Hawaiiinuiakea school of Hawaiian  
13 knowledge, and the University of Hawaii community design center.  
14           The legislature finds that establishment of an institute  
15 for restoration and healing within the criminal legal system at  
16 the William S. Richardson school of law is a matter of statewide  
17 concern.



1 The purpose of this Act is to establish and appropriate  
2 funds for an institute to be located within the William S.  
3 Richardson school of law to be known as the hookaulike: a  
4 criminal legal system institute for restoration and healing.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by adding a new section to part IV, subpart D, to be  
7 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

8 **"§304A- Hookaulike: a criminal legal system institute**

9 **for restoration and healing; established.** (a) There is  
10 established at the William S. Richardson school of law the  
11 hookaulike: a criminal legal system institute for restoration  
12 and healing, to be under the direction of a director who shall  
13 be appointed by the dean of the school of law, with the approval  
14 of the board of regents.

15 (b) Subject to the availability of funds, faculty, and  
16 facilities, the institute shall assist vulnerable communities to  
17 help in the design and advocacy of inclusive and fair criminal  
18 legal systems aimed at restoration and healing, particularly the  
19 disparate challenges facing Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islander  
20 communities, and people of color in the criminal legal system.

21 (c) The institute may:



- 1        (1) Conduct and promote research, conferences, and studies
- 2        to improve legal systems, laws, policies, methods,
- 3        rules, procedures, and forms relating to federal,
- 4        state, and county government;
- 5        (2) Report on and make recommendations regarding goals,
- 6        guidelines, innovations, and evaluation of federal,
- 7        state, and county government initiatives; and
- 8        (3) Create a conduit for regular reporting and
- 9        consultation with state, county, nonprofit, and
- 10       private agencies and organizations charged with
- 11       evaluation of and policies regarding policing,
- 12       prosecution, and corrections, including the
- 13       judiciary's criminal justice research institute."

14       SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
 15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
 16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for  
 17                    permanent full-time equivalent (                    FTE)  
 18 positions and funding for hookaulike: a criminal legal system  
 19 institute for restoration and healing, at the William S.  
 20 Richardson school of law as follows:

- 1           (1) \$                   for                   permanent full-time  
2           equivalent (                   FTE) J-Faculty line to be  
3           anchored in the William S. Richardson school of law  
4           and shared with the Hawaiiinuiakea school of Hawaiian  
5           knowledge to serve as director;
- 6           (2) \$                   for                   permanent full-time  
7           equivalent (                   FTE) APT - B level budget line  
8           to support the director, advance the mission of the  
9           institute, and assist with outreach and support of the  
10          institute's advocacy initiatives;
- 11          (3) \$                   for                   permanent full-time  
12          equivalent (                   FTE) graduate research  
13          assistant positions for students from the William S.  
14          Richardson school of law, the Hawaiiinuiakea school of  
15          Hawaiian knowledge, and the community design center to  
16          support the mission and work of the institute; and
- 17          (4) \$                   in operational funds to support the work  
18          of the institute through regular events, symposia,  
19          white papers, technology, or consultations devoted to  
20          connecting the work of other social justice leaders to  
21          improve the criminal legal system, from police or



1 security contact, through sentencing and  
2 incarceration.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of  
4 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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**Report Title:**

UH; Law School; Prison Reform; Hookaulike; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the hookaulike: a criminal legal system institute for restoration and healing, at the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson school of law. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD2)

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