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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the ongoing COVID-19  
2 pandemic has exacerbated the need for nurses to care for the  
3 ill, however it has become increasingly difficult to find  
4 qualified nurses to fill vacant nursing positions.

5           The legislature further finds that there is a nursing  
6 faculty shortage, both nationwide and locally. Half of the  
7 schools of nursing in Hawaii have a vacancy rate for faculty of  
8 over fifty per cent and are experiencing increased difficulty in  
9 finding lecturers to support clinical education for nurses in  
10 hospital and healthcare settings. In order to meet the growing  
11 demand for nurses, nursing schools in the State need to be able  
12 to increase nursing faculty and lecturer hiring capacity. In  
13 addition, increased funding is needed to support existing  
14 nursing faculty, provide transition to faculty practice  
15 training, and better align nursing workforce projections between  
16 the schools of nursing and industry partners.



1           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
2 University of Hawaii to increase the State's capacity to train  
3 new nurses and project future nursing workforce needs.

4           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,800,000 or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to  
7 increase the State's capacity to train new nurses and project  
8 future nursing workforce needs.

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

11           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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# S.B. NO. 3352

**Report Title:**

Nursing; Faculty; University of Hawaii; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii to increase the State's capacity to train new nurses and project future nursing workforce needs.

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