H.B. NO. <sup>353</sup> H.D. 1 S.D. 1

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the University of 2 Hawaii Maui college has a new hybrid program designed especially 3 for working certified nurse aides and other health care 4 professionals who want to become licensed practical nurses. The 5 certified nurse aide to practical nurse bridge program partners 6 with Hale Makua, 'Ohana Pacific Health, and Kaiser Permanente 7 Hawaii and provides eligible Maui and Oahu health care 8 professionals with the opportunity to become licensed practical 9 nurses while they are working. Graduates from the program are 10 prepared to work under the supervision of a registered nurse or 11 physician in hospitals, extended care facilities, private 12 nursing agencies, home health agencies, clinics, and physician 13 offices.

14 The legislature also finds that the University of Hawaii 15 Maui college is hoping to expand the program statewide. 16 Additional funding is needed for instructional costs to provide 17 clinical and laboratory courses to accommodate a threefold



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1 expansion of licensed practical nursing students statewide, 2 increasing the pool from ten students to thirty students 3 annually. Student aid funding is also needed to support a 4 minimum of twenty students in completing prerequisite courses 5 that will enable the students to apply to the certified nurse 6 aide to practical nurse bridge program, and cover all tuition, 7 fees, supplies, and related costs while the students participate 8 in the program.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate 10 funds for the expansion of the certified nurse aide to practical 11 nurse bridge program at the University of Hawaii Maui college, including funding for instructional costs and student aid. 12 13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general 14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so 15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and 16 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal 17 year 2024-2025 for instructional costs, including the cost of 18 casual employees and overload pay, for the certified nurse aide 19 to practical nurse bridge program at the University of Hawaii 20 Maui college.



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1	The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
2	of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
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 2023-2024 and
6	the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
7	year 2024-2025 to provide student aid to participants in the
8	certified nurse aide to practical nurse bridge program at the
9	University of Hawaii Maui college, including tuition, fees,
10	supplies, and related costs.
11	The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
12	of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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## Report Title:

UH; Maui College; Certified Nurse Aides; Licensed Practical Nurses; Certified Nurse Aide to Practical Nurse Bridge Program; Appropriations

## Description:

Appropriates funds for the expansion of the certified nurse aide to practical nurse bridge program at the University of Hawaii Maui college, including funding for instructional costs and student aid. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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