

JAN 19 2024

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



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,
12 including funding for instructional costs and student aid.

13 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
14 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
15 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
16 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,
17 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure
18 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
19 \$ or per cent. This current declaration takes
20 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal
21 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act



1 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure
2 ceiling are that:

3 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
4 serve the public interest; and

5 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
6 addressed by this Act.

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
10 instructional costs, including the cost of casual employees and
11 overload pay, for the certified nurse aide to practical nurse
12 bridge program at the university of Hawaii Maui college.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the university of
14 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to provide
18 student aid to participants in the certified nurse aide to
19 practical nurse bridge program at the university of Hawaii Maui
20 college, including tuition, fees, supplies, and related costs.



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1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the university of
2 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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Report Title:

University of Hawaii Maui College; Certified Nurse Aides;
Licensed Practical Nurses; Certified Nurse Aide to Practical
Nurse Bridge Program; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

Description:

Makes appropriations 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.

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