
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 \$825,000 or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
17 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
18 2024-2025 for twelve permanent full-time equivalent (12.0 FTE)
19 positions and funding for hookaulike: a criminal legal system
20 institute for restoration and healing, at the William S.
21 Richardson school of law as follows:



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- (1) \$200,000 for one permanent full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) J-Faculty line to be anchored in the William S. Richardson school of law and shared with the Hawaiiinuiakea school of Hawaiian knowledge to serve as director;
- (2) \$85,000 for one permanent full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) faculty researcher (R) faculty to be located in the school of Hawaiian knowledge, fluent in Hawaiian, and able to provide historical data and analysis regarding Hawaiian traditional and kingdom penal law to support ho'okaulike curriculum development and programming;
- (3) \$85,000 for one permanent full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) instructional (I) faculty in the Thompson school of social work and public health for designing curriculum and conducting research on community and cultural alternatives to criminal prosecution and incarceration;



- 1 (4) \$85,000 for one permanent full-time equivalent (1.0
2 FTE) faculty specialist community outreach and
3 advocacy;
- 4 (5) \$85,000 for one permanent full-time equivalent (1.0
5 FTE) communications coordinator, versed in interactive
6 data analysis and visualization, the collecting and
7 cataloging of data and information, public interest
8 design, educational outreach, and advocacy;
- 9 (6) \$80,000 for one permanent full-time equivalent (1.0
10 FTE) APT - B level budget line to support the
11 director, advance the mission of the institute, and
12 assist with outreach and support of the institute's
13 advocacy initiatives;
- 14 (7) \$55,000 for one permanent full-time equivalent (1.0
15 FTE) APT - A clerical;
- 16 (8) \$150,000 for five permanent full-time equivalent (5.0
17 FTE) graduate research assistant positions for
18 students from the William S. Richardson school of law,
19 the Hawaiiinuiakea school of Hawaiian knowledge, and
20 the community design center to support the mission and
21 work of the institute; and



1 (9) \$150,000 in operational funds to support the work of
2 the institute through regular events, symposia, white
3 papers, technology, or consultations devoted to
4 connecting the work of other social justice leaders to
5 improve the criminal legal system, from police or
6 security contact, through sentencing and
7 incarceration.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university
9 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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Report Title:

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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.

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