
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the university of
2 Hawaii at Hilo was one of only two university of Hawaii campuses
3 that experienced a declining enrollment rate in the fall 2023
4 semester, marking the third consecutive year of declining fall
5 enrollment. University of Hawaii at Hilo officials have cited
6 the school's limited brand exposure outside of Hawaii,
7 difficultly retaining students from the mainland, and an
8 increase in online educational opportunities as factors
9 contributing to the school's enrollment issues. Despite these
10 challenges, the university of Hawaii's requests for funding for
11 positions and initiatives directly related to addressing student
12 enrollment and retention have not been included in the
13 governor's executive budget. The legislature further finds that
14 these positions and initiatives are vital to ensuring that the
15 school has the necessary staff and resources to retain students
16 and bolster enrollment.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
2 funds for one retention coordinator position, one internship
3 coordinator position, and student enrollment management
4 initiatives at the university of Hawaii at Hilo.

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$507,500 or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
8 \$790,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
9 2026-2027 for one retention coordinator position, one internship
10 coordinator position, and student enrollment management
11 initiatives at the university of Hawaii at Hilo; provided that
12 the sums appropriated shall be expended as follows:

- 13 (1) \$37,500 for fiscal year 2025-2026 and \$75,000 for
14 fiscal year 2026-2027 for a retention coordinator;
15 (2) \$37,500 for fiscal year 2025-2026 and \$75,000 for
16 fiscal year 2026-2027 for an internship coordinator;
17 and
18 (3) \$432,500 for fiscal year 2025-2026 and \$640,000 for
19 fiscal year 2026-2027 for student enrollment
20 management initiatives.



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

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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H.B. NO. 443

Report Title:

University of Hawaii at Hilo; Retention Coordinator; Internship Coordinator; Enrollment Management; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for one retention coordinator position, one internship coordinator position, and student enrollment management initiatives at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

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