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# 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 \$                    or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and  
8 \$                    or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
9 year 2026-2027 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent  
10 (1.0 FTE) retention coordinator position and one full-time  
11 equivalent (1.0 FTE) internship coordinator position, and  
12 student enrollment management initiatives at the university of  
13 Hawaii at Hilo; provided that the sums appropriated shall be  
14 expended as follows:

15           (1) \$                    for fiscal year 2025-2026 and  
16                   \$                    for fiscal year 2026-2027 for one full-  
17                   time equivalent (1.0 FTE) retention coordinator  
18                   position;

19           (2) \$                    for fiscal year 2025-2026 and  
20                   \$                    for fiscal year 2026-2027 for one full-



1           time equivalent (1.0 FTE) internship coordinator  
2           position; and

3           (3) §               for fiscal year 2025-2026 and  
4           §               for fiscal year 2026-2027 for student  
5           enrollment management initiatives.

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

8           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 31, 2050.



**Report Title:**

UH Hilo; Retention Coordinator; Internship Coordinator;  
Enrollment Management; Appropriations

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for one retention coordinator position, one internship coordinator position, and student enrollment management initiatives at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)

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