
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii faces a
2 growing nursing workforce shortage, with the current demand for
3 nurses exceeding supply by approximately one thousand positions.
4 Experts have recommended expanding the capacity of university
5 nursing programs to help reduce nursing workforce shortages.

6 The legislature further finds that the county of Maui is
7 the largest county in the State without a college or university
8 bachelor of science in nursing degree program. The university
9 of Hawaii Maui college's nursing program offers two degrees: a
10 certificate of achievement and an associate in science nursing.
11 Students who earn an associate in science nursing must then
12 transfer to the bachelor of science in nursing pathway at the
13 university of Hawaii at Manoa to further their education.

14 The legislature believes that offering a bachelor of
15 science in nursing program at the university of Hawaii Maui
16 college can help to increase the supply of nurse graduates,



1 reduce the nursing workforce shortage, and allow Maui nursing
2 students to remain on Maui during their entire course of study.

3 The legislature declares that the establishment of a
4 bachelor of science in nursing program in the county of Maui is
5 a matter of statewide concern.

6 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys for the
7 establishment of a bachelor of science in nursing degree program
8 at the university of Hawaii Maui college.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
12 the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary
13 for fiscal year 2026-2027 to meet the increased demand for
14 prerequisite courses by students newly enrolled in the bachelor
15 of science in nursing degree program at the university of Hawaii
16 Maui college.

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

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and



1 the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary
2 for fiscal year 2026-2027 for additional personnel associated
3 with establishment of the bachelor of science in nursing degree
4 program at the university of Hawaii Maui college.

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

7 SECTION 4. 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 2025-2026 and
10 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
11 year 2026-2027 for supplies, equipment, and simulation and
12 laboratory upgrades associated with the establishment of the
13 bachelor of science in nursing degree program at the university
14 of Hawaii Maui college.

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

17 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
20 instructional costs associated with providing third year of
21 nursing courses following the establishment of the bachelor of



1 science in nursing degree program at the university of Hawaii
2 Maui college.

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

5 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



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Report Title:

Nursing; UH Maui College; BS Nursing Established; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to establish the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program at the University of Hawaii Maui College. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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