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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO DEMENTIA.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds the State's aging  
2       population is increasing rapidly, with approximately thirty-one  
3       thousand people aged sixty-five and older living with  
4       Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. To prepare  
5       health care providers in caring for individuals with Alzheimer's  
6       disease and other forms of dementia, the university of Hawaii at  
7       Manoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine, university of Hawaii's  
8       Center for Aging, and university of Hawaii's Thompson School of  
9       Social Work and Public Health have been providing courses and  
10      actively engaging in educating and training students in  
11      Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Additional  
12      staff positions are necessary to provide greater coordination  
13      between the various university of Hawaii programs in delivering  
14      training in caring for patients with Alzheimer's disease and  
15      other forms of dementia.

16      Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:



1 (1) Appropriate funds to the university of Hawaii to  
2 establish positions within the university of Hawaii at  
3 Manoa John A. Burns School of Medicine's department of  
4 geriatric medicine to:

5 (A) Coordinate and incorporate training on  
6 Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia  
7 for health care providers into existing  
8 university of Hawaii programs; and

9 (B) Review, update, and develop a dementia curriculum  
10 to be incorporated into existing university of  
11 Hawaii programs with the goal of establishing a  
12 local, informed dementia workforce; and

13 (2) Require the university of Hawaii at Manoa John A.  
14 Burns School of Medicine's department of geriatric  
15 medicine to submit annual reports to the legislature.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$525,000 or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the  
19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
20 2026-2027 for the establishment of two full-time equivalent (2.0



1 FTE) positions within the university of Hawaii at Manoa John A.  
2 Burns School of Medicine's department of geriatric medicine to:

3 (1) Coordinate and incorporate training on Alzheimer's  
4 disease and other forms of dementia for health care  
5 providers into existing university of Hawaii programs;  
6 and

7 (2) Review, update, and develop a dementia curriculum to  
8 be incorporated into existing university of Hawaii  
9 programs with the goal of establishing a local,  
10 informed dementia workforce.

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

13 SECTION 3. The university of Hawaii at Manoa John A. Burns  
14 School of Medicine's department of geriatric medicine shall  
15 submit an annual report to the legislature beginning  
16 December 15, 2025, through December 15, 2027, on the hiring of  
17 personnel and accomplishments realized pursuant to this Act.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



**Report Title:**

UH; JABSOM; Alzheimer's Disease; Dementia; Training; Curriculum; Workforce Development; Positions; Reports; Appropriations

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii to establish positions within the University of Hawaii at Manoa John A. Burns School of Medicine's Department of Geriatric Medicine to coordinate and incorporate training on Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia for health care providers into existing University of Hawaii programs; and review, update, and develop a dementia curriculum to be incorporated into existing University of Hawaii programs with the goal of establishing a local, informed dementia workforce. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. (CD1)

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