
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Nationally, one in five women is sexually
2 assaulted while in college. Women aged sixteen to twenty-four
3 are at the highest risk for experiencing abuse by an intimate
4 partner.

5 Under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the
6 Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, and the
7 Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act, sexual violence,
8 domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking are considered
9 acts of sexual harassment due to the pervasive nature of these
10 crimes to interfere with students' access to education. Ending
11 campus sexual violence is a combined endeavor of effective
12 response and intervention with awareness education to change
13 attitudes and behaviors. The federal government has recognized
14 the need for institutions of higher education to have systems in
15 place to investigate and report instances of sexual violence,
16 domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. However, just
17 as important, universities are obligated to provide



1 comprehensive on-going prevention education, bystander
2 intervention, and training to students, faculty, and staff to
3 address these criminal acts.

4 The legislature finds that sexual violence prevention
5 education is necessary to accomplish the University of Hawaii's
6 plans for compliance with federal mandates to effectively
7 address campus sexual violence, dating violence, domestic
8 violence, and stalking. The prevention awareness understanding
9 violence program, formerly named program against violence to
10 women, at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, was established in
11 2002 through a campus grant from the United States Department of
12 Justice Office of Violence Against Women. The focus areas of
13 the prevention awareness understanding violence program are to:

- 14 (1) Provide sexual violence education to all incoming
15 students;
- 16 (2) Provide regular gender-based violence and effective
17 response training to first responders and university
18 judicial affairs committees;
- 19 (3) Coordinate campus-community response teams to
20 coordinate student services; and



1 (4) Provide crisis referral support and advocacy for
2 survivors of sexual violence, domestic violence, and
3 stalking.

4 The prevention awareness understanding violence program is
5 a system-wide program, ensuring that all ten University of
6 Hawaii campuses establish and maintain infrastructures to
7 continue providing violence prevention education and coordinated
8 student services to address sexual violence, domestic violence,
9 and stalking. These coordinated efforts include health
10 promotions, student mental health services, and building strong
11 partnerships with campus stakeholders, student affairs
12 administrators, campus law enforcement, and student housing
13 services. For the last five years, the program has maintained a
14 practicum placement program for up to four social work graduate
15 students training in the areas of gender-based violence, higher
16 education, and community building.

17 In 2011, the program's application to continue receiving
18 the federal grant was denied due to the lack of evidence that
19 prevention education efforts would be fully supported by the
20 institution. Each year since, the demand for prevention



1 education and crisis referral services has increased because of
2 continued awareness efforts.

3 The legislature further finds that continuing effective
4 violence prevention education and training requires additional
5 resources such as staff and materials. Due to the nature of
6 campus sexual violence and the skills necessary to provide
7 sexual violence prevention, the following are needed:

- 8 (1) One full-time faculty specialist position, to be
9 housed at the University of Hawaii at Manoa women's
10 center, to coordinate the program with University of
11 Hawaii community colleges;
- 12 (2) One full-time faculty specialist position at the
13 University of Hawaii at Manoa women's center;
- 14 (3) One full-time faculty specialist position for the
15 student health and wellness programs at the University
16 of Hawaii at Hilo;
- 17 (4) One full-time faculty specialist personal support
18 counselor at the University of Hawaii Maui college;
- 19 (5) Two part-time graduate assistant positions;
- 20 (6) Annual program supplies and materials for all
21 campuses; and



1 (7) Annual professional development and training for
2 program staff.

3 It is anticipated that university-instituted violence
4 prevention education through the program would expand existing
5 coordinated efforts to educate students about the impact of
6 sexual violence and domestic violence. Furthermore, the
7 legislature believes that having campus-based student support
8 services that specialize in working with survivors of sexual and
9 domestic violence increases the likelihood that survivors will
10 seek help and attain the support needed to overcome their
11 experience while remaining in college.

12 The purpose of this Act is to provide resources to the
13 University of Hawaii's prevention awareness understanding
14 violence program to meet the needs of a vulnerable student
15 population and ensure compliance with federal mandates to
16 address campus sexual violence.

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
20 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
21 2016-2017 for one full-time time equivalent (1.0 FTE) faculty



1 specialist position, to be housed at the University of Hawaii at
2 Manoa women's center, to coordinate the prevention awareness
3 understanding violence program with University of Hawaii
4 community colleges.

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

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
10 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
11 2016-2017 for one full-time time equivalent (1.0 FTE) faculty
12 specialist position for the prevention awareness understanding
13 violence program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa women's
14 center.

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

17 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
20 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
21 2016-2017 for one full-time time equivalent (1.0 FTE) faculty



1 specialist position for the student health and wellness programs
2 at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

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

5 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
8 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
9 2016-2017 for one full-time time equivalent (1.0 FTE) faculty
10 specialist personal support counselor for the prevention
11 awareness understanding violence program at the University of
12 Hawaii Maui college.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
14 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$40,000 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
18 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
19 2016-2017 for two part-time time equivalent (0.5 FTE) graduate
20 assistant positions for the prevention awareness understanding
21 violence program.



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

3 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000 or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
7 2016-2017 for program supplies and materials for the prevention
8 awareness understanding violence program, to be distributed in
9 equal amounts to each University of Hawaii campus.

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

12 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
15 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
16 2016-2017 for professional development and training for
17 prevention awareness understanding violence program staff.

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



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1 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Appropriates moneys for positions for the UH prevention awareness understanding violence program to provide sexual violence and domestic violence prevention education and services.

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