
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CENTER ON AGING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the University of
2 Hawaii center on aging is a key partner in the aging network and
3 provides consultation, research, and program development and
4 evaluation in collaboration with government and service
5 providers.

6 The legislature also finds that gerontological education
7 and workforce development are critical to preparing for the
8 State's aging population. Hawaii's population is aging at a
9 faster rate than the rest of the nation, and kupuna in Hawaii
10 have the highest life expectancy in the nation. Between 1980
11 and 2010, Hawaii's population of individuals age sixty and older
12 increased one hundred forty per cent. By 2030, it is expected
13 that twenty-three per cent of the State's overall population
14 will be older adults.

15 The legislature further finds that the development of
16 Hawaii's workforce to care for and address the needs of older
17 adults has not kept pace with the growing population of kupuna.



1 The University of Hawaii center on aging has recognized this gap
2 and will be well-equipped to address the need with two
3 additional faculty positions. Currently staffed by an interim
4 director and administrative assistant, the center on aging's
5 capacity to expand and create educational initiatives is
6 limited. An associate professor and assistant specialist
7 position will enable the center on aging to achieve its
8 educational mission. Specifically, the center on aging can
9 develop and teach gerontology courses on campus and provide
10 continuing education and technical assistance in the community.
11 The development and teaching of gerontology courses will be
12 invaluable, enabling students from all disciplines to view their
13 studies with an aging lens and to better prepare for, support,
14 and address the needs of older adults. Finally, the center on
15 aging will be able to offer opportunities for lifelong learning,
16 continuing education, and training for professionals in the
17 aging network.

18 The purpose of this Act is to fund an associate professor
19 and assistant specialist position within the University of
20 Hawaii center on aging.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$86,532 or so much
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to fund
 4 one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) associate professor position
 5 within the University of Hawaii center on aging.

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

8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,924 or so much
 10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to fund
 11 one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) assistant specialist position
 12 within the University of Hawaii center on aging.

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

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Description:

Appropriates funds for a permanent full-time associate professor and permanent full-time assistant specialist position within the University of Hawaii center on aging.

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