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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1           SECTION 1. The college of education at the University of  
2 Hawaii provides educational research, policy studies, curriculum  
3 development, professional development, and educational services  
4 as well as teacher and educational leader preparation programs.  
5 The college of education has eight academic departments and two  
6 major research units and offers undergraduate degrees, post-  
7 baccalaureate certificates, graduate certificates, master's  
8 degrees, and doctoral specializations.

9           The college of education offers a broad variety of  
10 programs, including early childhood, elementary, middle school,  
11 and secondary education; Hawaiian education; physical education;  
12 athletic training; rehabilitation counseling; and educational  
13 administration, psychology, technology, and foundations. One of  
14 the programs that the college of education previously offered  
15 was the Ho'okulāiwi center for Native Hawaiian and indigenous  
16 education.



1           The Ho'okulāiwi program was recognized as a leading center  
2 for research on indigenous education, especially in the areas of  
3 teacher education, professional development schools  
4 partnerships, language revitalization, educational leadership,  
5 and educational policy development. The program received  
6 numerous research awards and recognitions from national and  
7 international institutions of higher learning as well as from  
8 internationally-recognized research associations. Although  
9 housed at the college of education, the Ho'okulāiwi program was a  
10 partnership with the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian  
11 Homelands Assembly and the department of education. The goal of  
12 the Ho'okulāiwi program was to increase the number of Native  
13 Hawaiian teachers in Hawaii's schools.

14           Of particular note, in the fall of 2008, the Ho'okulāiwi  
15 program helped longtime teachers of Niihau to become highly  
16 qualified according to federal guidelines. In December 2013,  
17 four long-time teachers from Niihau earned their bachelor's  
18 degrees in education from the University of Hawaii at Manoa,  
19 bringing to a close a customized program that was designed to  
20 protect the private island's school under the No Child Left  
21 Behind Act.



1           Despite the success and support of the Ho'okulāiwi program,  
2 the college of education recently ended this program. As a  
3 result, stakeholders have called into question the college of  
4 education's ability to effectively manage its programs,  
5 especially when Ho'okulāiwi was specifically designed to increase  
6 the educational opportunities for students and teachers of  
7 Native Hawaiian ancestry and preserve and perpetuate the Native  
8 Hawaiian language and culture.

9           The purpose of this Act is to request the auditor to  
10 examine the University of Hawaii at Manoa college of education's  
11 management of its programs that have ended within the last five  
12 fiscal years.

13           SECTION 2. (a) The auditor shall examine the University  
14 of Hawaii at Manoa college of education's management of its  
15 programs that have ended within fiscal years 2010 to 2015.

16           (b) In conducting the examination, the auditor shall  
17 determine:

18           (1) The number of programs for which the college of  
19 education has ceased operations, including identifying  
20 the following:



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- 1 (A) The purposes for which these programs were  
2 established;
- 3 (B) The accomplishments of these programs;
- 4 (C) Any challenges that these programs faced,  
5 including challenges that impacted program long-  
6 term longevity; and
- 7 (D) The operating costs and funding sources of these  
8 programs;
- 9 (2) The reasons for the ceasing of operations of the  
10 programs;
- 11 (3) The impact on the University of Hawaii, department of  
12 education, and community as a result of these programs  
13 ending; and
- 14 (4) Any other relevant areas that the auditor determines  
15 necessary to examine pursuant to this Act.
- 16 (c) The auditor shall submit a written report of findings  
17 and recommendations pursuant to this Act to the legislature no  
18 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular  
19 session of 2016.  
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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

University of Hawaii; College of Education; Auditor

**Description:**

Requests the auditor to examine the University of Hawaii at Manoa college of education's management of its programs that have ended within the last five fiscal years and submit a written report to the legislature prior to the convening of the regular session of 2016.

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