A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the mission of the 2 center on aging research and education is to assure the wellbeing of the State's older adults by stimulating and 3 4 coordinating gerontological and aging instruction, research, and 5 community services. The legislature further finds that one of 6 the center's goals is to develop a research center renowned for its generation of knowledge that supports the development of 7 8 relevant social and economic policies pertaining to the elder 9 population, as no such entity exists in Hawaii or in the region. 10 Currently, there is an urgent need to engage in 11 gerontological research, given the radical demographic shifts 12 resulting from the growing aging population in Hawaii and in Asia and the Pacific. 13 14 However, reliable funding is necessary to attract renowned 15 scholars from the United States mainland and the Asian and

Pacific regions to study the aging phenomenon and train

professionals for work in the field of gerontology. The

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- 1 legislature believes that, given proper staffing levels, the
- 2 center on aging research and education can become a viable
- 3 research and training center for addressing local and Asian and
- 4 Pacific regional issues.
- 5 The purpose of this Act is to establish and appropriate
- 6 funds for five additional faculty positions at the center on
- 7 aging research and education to assist the center in fulfilling
- 8 its mission.
- 9 SECTION 2. The University of Hawaii shall establish five
- 10 additional faculty positions at the center on aging research and
- 11 education to assist the center on aging research and education
- 12 in the fulfillment of its mission.
- 13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- 14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1 or so much thereof
- as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the same sum
- 16 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009
- 17 for five additional faculty positions to staff the center on
- 18 aging research and education.
- 19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
- 20 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
- 21 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Appropriation; Center on Aging Research and Education

Description:

Establishes five additional faculty positions at the center on aging research and education to assist in the fulfillment of its mission and appropriates funds for that purpose. (HB814 HD1)

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