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S.B. 1193 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR KAPIOLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S LONG TERM-CARE RESOURCE PROGRAM TO TRAIN AND EDUCATE HAWAII'S ELDERCARE WORKFORCE

Chairs Chun Oakland and Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Kapi`olani Community College (KCC) and University of Hawai`i, I thank you for your continued support of our Long-term Care Resource Program which provides training for Hawaii's long-term care workforce and its family caregivers. The funds help us provide training for the proper care for the State's elder population.

Last year the Legislature appropriated 2.5 positions and \$206,913 to establish the Long-term care program at KCC. The appropriation provided funds for nine months of salary for the new positions. Included in the Executive biennium budget for FY 2007-2009 for the University of Hawaii is an item for an additional \$32,012 to fully fund the positions appropriated last year. We have appointed the faculty coordinator for the program and currently in the final selection process of the other full time professional position. The half-time clerical position is the civil service classification process and recruitment is expected to follow soon.

Therefore, I ask your continued support for to provide quality care to our elderly population by approving the University's Executive's biennium budget that includes KCC's request for full year funding of previously appropriated positions.