



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

GOV. MSG. NO. **798**

June 30, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 003
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on June 30, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

SB3120 SD2 HD1 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO
THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.
(ACT 257)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

THE SENATE
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2006
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 3120
S.D. 2
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

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 legislature recognizes that, according to
2 the national center for public policy and higher education, net
3 college costs for low- and middle-income students to attend
4 Hawaii's public four-year colleges and universities represent a
5 third of their families' annual income. In 2004, the national
6 non-profit independent organization gave Hawaii a "D" for
7 affordability. The organization also noted that "over the past
8 few years, Hawaii has had among the steepest declines in the
9 nation in the percentage of first-time, full-time college
10 students earning their bachelor's degree within six years of
11 enrolling in college."

12 During the 2005 legislative session, recognizing the need
13 to provide financial support to Hawaii's residents in attaining
14 a post secondary degree, the legislature appropriated \$1,500,000
15 in general funds for the fiscal biennium 2005-2007 to provide
16 merit-based scholarships for Hawaii's low-income public school
17 graduates wishing to attend the University of Hawaii. Despite
18 this appropriation, the legislature finds that the increases in



1 ~~[is considered low income according to the state of~~
2 ~~Hawaii department of education's guidelines for~~
3 ~~students qualifying for the free and reduced lunch~~
4 ~~program.]~~

5 (3) Is eligible for need-based financial aid based on
6 federal financial aid guidelines;
7 and provided further that the scholarship may be renewed
8 annually if the student maintains satisfactory academic progress
9 and continues to meet financial aid guidelines."

10 SECTION 6. The university of Hawaii shall transfer the sum
11 of \$500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
12 year 2006-2007, from the University of Hawaii tuition and fees
13 special fund for deposit into the student scholarship and
14 assistance special fund for the purposes of funding the
15 workforce development scholarship program.

16 The sum transferred shall be expended by the University of
17 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Approved this day: JUN 30 2006

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Robert B. Burns
President of the Senate



Paul J. Campbell
Clerk of the Senate

**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Date: May 2, 2006
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Calvin K. King
Speaker, House of Representatives



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Clerk, House of Representatives