
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 purpose of this Act is to create a state
2 eminent scholars special fund to enable the University of Hawaii
3 system to provide donors with an incentive in the form of
4 matching grants for donations to establish permanently endowed
5 faculty positions at any University of Hawaii campus. All funds
6 appropriated for challenge grants, new donors, major gifts,
7 sales tax exemption matching funds, or eminent scholars program
8 shall be deposited into the special fund and invested until the
9 president of the University of Hawaii allocates the funds to the
10 university to match private donations. Any undisbursed balance
11 remaining in the special fund and interest income accruing to
12 the portion of the special fund that is not matched and
13 distributed to the University shall remain in the special fund
14 and be used to increase the total funds available for challenge
15 grants. Funds deposited in the special fund for the sales tax
16 exemption matching program, and interest earnings thereon, shall
17 be maintained in a separate account within the state eminent
18 scholars special fund and may be used only to match irrevocable



1 gifts from individuals or non-governmental entities to establish
2 endowed faculty positions at the university. The president of
3 the University of Hawaii may authorize any campus to encumber
4 the state matching portion of a challenge grant from funds
5 available.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 304, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
8 and to read as follows:

9 "§304- State eminent scholars special fund. (a) There
10 is established a state eminent scholars special fund into which
11 shall be deposited appropriations made by the state legislature
12 and matching private donations. The fund shall be used as a
13 funding mechanism to create new endowed faculty positions funded
14 by a combination of state and private funds. The board of
15 regents shall adopt rules as necessary to establish this
16 program. No state appropriations deposited into the fund shall
17 be expended unless matched by private funds on a dollar-for-
18 dollar basis."

19 (b) To be eligible for state matching funds, a University
20 of Hawaii campus chancellor shall submit a proposal for each
21 proposed endowed chair to the president of the University of
22 Hawaii for review and consideration. The president of the



1 University of Hawaii shall take into account the following
2 criteria before approving state matching funds to establish a
3 position and recruit candidates:

4 (1) The ability for the position to contribute to Hawaii's
5 economic development;

6 (2) The ability for the position to make a significant
7 contribution to the university's academic quality; and

8 (3) The ability for the position to obtain significant
9 amounts of annual research from highly competitive
10 grant sources.

11 (c) The review process shall consider the field and its
12 potential funding sources, relationship to existing research at
13 the University of Hawaii and in the State of Hawaii, size and
14 scope of related industries, and other relevant factors.

15 (d) The University of Hawaii shall prepare and submit an
16 annual report on the status of the eminent scholars special fund
17 to the legislature twenty days before the convening of each
18 regular session."

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1, or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for the
22 state eminent scholars special fund.



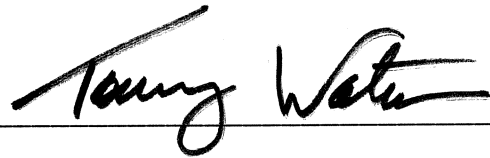
1 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
2 university of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

UH; Eminent Scholars Special Fund; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a state eminent scholars special fund to create new endowed faculty positions at UH. Appropriates \$1.

