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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S ENGINEERING  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish a civil  
2 engineering scholarship program, to be administered by the  
3 department of transportation, to appropriate moneys to promote  
4 the civil engineering profession and to offer financial  
5 assistance, on-the-job training, and employment opportunities to  
6 qualified students in Hawaii.

7           SECTION 2. Chapter 26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
8 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
9 read as follows:

10           "§26-     Department of transportation; civil engineering  
11 scholarship program. (a) The department of transportation  
12 shall establish a civil engineering scholarship program open to  
13 high school graduates of accredited high schools in Hawaii, or  
14 high school graduates who are residents of Hawaii, who have  
15 successfully completed a high school pre-college curriculum.  
16 The department of transportation shall establish, without regard  
17 to chapter 91, the criteria and guidelines for the scholarship



1 program that shall include but not be limited to the  
2 qualification requirements, conditions for awarding a  
3 scholarship, reimbursement provisions, and alternate options  
4 under which a scholarship participant may participate in order  
5 to otherwise fulfill an employment obligation under a  
6 scholarship agreement, if the participant is not hired by the  
7 department of transportation.

8 (b) The amount of the tuition component of a civil  
9 engineering scholarship award shall be limited to the resident  
10 tuition cost of the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

11 (c) Students awarded scholarships shall agree by contract,  
12 with the written approval of a parent or guardian when the  
13 applicant is under eighteen years of age, to apply for full-time  
14 civil service employment with the department of transportation  
15 immediately after graduation from an accredited civil  
16 engineering program at the University of Hawaii and, if hired,  
17 complete one year of full-time employment with the department of  
18 transportation for each school year in the scholarship program.

19 A participant who fails to:

20 (1) Graduate from an accredited civil engineering program  
21 at the University of Hawaii; or

1        (2) Apply for employment with the department of  
2        transportation immediately upon graduation as provided  
3        in this subsection, except as provided in subsection  
4        (f),

5        shall reimburse the department of transportation the full amount  
6        of moneys received.

7        (d) A participant who leaves the department of  
8        transportation before completing the required number of years of  
9        employment shall reimburse the department of transportation the  
10       full amount of scholarship moneys received by the participant  
11       for each year a scholarship is received corresponding to each  
12       year for which the participant fails to complete the employment  
13       requirement.

14       (e) Summer employment may be offered by the department of  
15       transportation to scholarship students. The department of  
16       transportation shall establish guidelines to carry out this  
17       subsection.

18       (f) The department of transportation's guidelines for this  
19       program shall address situations where participants may wish to  
20       postpone their work commitment to pursue a masters degree in  
21       civil engineering."



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the special fund  
 2 of the general administration of the department of  
 3 transportation (TEN 995) the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof  
 4 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, to implement the  
 5 department of transportation's engineering scholarship program.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
 7 transportation, highways division, for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval,  
 10 except that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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**Report Title:**

DOT; Engineering Scholarship Fund

**Description:**

Requires DOT to establish an engineering scholarship program for qualified students in Hawaii. Requires a scholarship recipient to graduate and work for DOT the same number of years as the recipient received a scholarship. Appropriates \$100,000 from the special fund of the general administration of the DOT.

