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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SENATOR HIRAM L. FONG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Senator Hiram L. Fong commission, was
2 established by the twenty-third legislature in Act 117, Session
3 Laws of Hawaii 2005, to research and find means to honor and
4 recognize the distinguished political, business, and community
5 leader. The commission has completed its report and
6 recommended, as its first priority, that the legislature
7 establish and endow the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship at the
8 University of Hawaii. The commission found, and the legislature
9 agrees, that the establishment of such a scholarship is the most
10 appropriate and fitting way to honor, recognize, and perpetuate
11 the memory of Senator Fong, who championed civil rights, labor
12 rights, and immigration reform, and who represented all the
13 people of Hawaii without ideologically politicized division.
14 The purpose of this Act is to implement the first recommendation
15 of the Senator Hiram L. Fong commission.

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



1 "§304- The Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program;

2 special fund. (a) There is created the Senator Hiram L. Fong
3 scholarship program to be administered by the University of
4 Hawaii. The program shall be used to provide financial support
5 to students enrolled at any campus of the University of Hawaii.

6 (b) Awards shall be granted annually to one female student
7 and one male student who:

8 (1) Are graduates of a public high school in the State;

9 (2) Are upperclassmen at the University of Hawaii; and

10 (3) Submit an essay on the senator's contributions to
11 Hawaii.

12 (c) The amount to be awarded to a student shall be
13 determined by the board of regents with due regard to the total
14 amount of funds available for the program. The award that a
15 student receives under this program may be used to cover the
16 costs of tuition and fees, the costs of textbooks and other
17 instructional materials, or the costs of room and board at a
18 dormitory or apartment maintained by the University of Hawaii or
19 to defray the difference between the student need as determined
20 by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the total
21 cost of attendance.



1 (d) The board of regents shall adopt rules to implement
2 the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program. The rules shall
3 be adopted pursuant to chapter 91 but shall be exempt from the
4 public notice and public hearing requirements.

5 (e) There is hereby created the Senator Hiram L. Fong
6 scholarship program special fund. The special fund shall be
7 administered by the board of regents of the University of Hawaii
8 for the purposes of supporting the Senator Hiram L. Fong
9 scholarship program."

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000, or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
13 transfer into the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program
14 special fund.

15 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
16 University of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

UH; Scholarship

Description:

Creates the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program at the University of Hawaii.

