
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that University of Hawaii
2 students have breached their contractual agreements with the
3 department of education in the Felix stipend program. Through a
4 memorandum of agreement, special tuition waivers from the
5 department of education are made available to qualified
6 candidates who enroll in special education teacher preparation
7 programs at the undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and graduate
8 levels. In exchange for these tuition waivers, teacher
9 candidates agree to work for the department of education in the
10 field of special education for a period of three to five years.
11 Since the program's inception in 1998, there have been instances
12 of students not meeting their contractual obligations. The
13 purpose of this Act is to create a revolving fund for the
14 collection of stipend repayments for the Felix stipend program.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
17 and to read as follows:



1 "§302A- Felix stipend revolving fund. (a) The Felix
2 stipend program offers tuition waivers for qualified candidates
3 who enroll at the University of Hawaii in special education
4 teacher programs at the undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and
5 graduate levels in exchange for employment, immediately
6 following completion of their teacher preparation program, at
7 the department of education for a period of three to five years.
8 There is established the Felix stipend revolving fund into which
9 shall be deposited all moneys received as repayment from
10 students due to a breach in contractual agreements from the
11 Felix stipend program.

12 (b) The revolving fund shall be used by the department to
13 provide ongoing funding for special education teaching programs,
14 which has been a constant shortage area."

15 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Education; Felix Stipend Revolving Fund

Description:

Establishes the Felix stipend revolving fund, which shall be used by the department of education to deposit moneys received as repayment from students who have broken their contractual Felix stipend agreement with the department of education.

