
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new subpart to part VII to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 " . NURSING TEACHER LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

5 **§304A- Definitions.** As used in this subpart, unless the
6 context otherwise requires:

7 "Program" means the nursing teacher loan forgiveness pilot
8 program authorized under this subpart.

9 "Qualified loan" means a student loan incurred while
10 earning a master's degree in nursing or a doctoral degree in
11 nursing or related field from a private or public institution of
12 higher education located in this state.

13 "Qualified position" means full-time employment by a
14 private or public institution of higher education located in
15 this state to teach classes required to earn a degree or
16 certificate in nursing.

17 "Student" means any individual domiciled in this state who
18 attends or is about to attend a private or public post-secondary



1 master's or doctoral degree in nursing and who intends to teach
2 in a nursing program in Hawaii designed to prepare students for
3 licensure as registered nurses.

4 **§304A- Nursing teacher loan forgiveness program;**
5 **establishment; administration; qualifications.** (a) There is
6 established a program to be known as the nursing teacher loan
7 forgiveness program to be placed within the University of Hawaii
8 for administrative purposes. The program shall be funded by the
9 nursing teacher loan forgiveness special fund created in part V.

10 (b) The University of Hawaii shall develop and maintain a
11 nursing teacher loan forgiveness program for implementation
12 beginning in the fall semester of the 2009-2010 academic year.
13 The program shall provide for payment of up to \$20,000 for all
14 or part of the principal of and interest on a qualified loan if
15 the person is hired for a qualified position and stays in a
16 qualified position for a period of not less than five
17 consecutive academic years after the person has earned an
18 advanced degree in nursing. Repayment of loans through the
19 program may be made using moneys in the nursing teacher loan
20 forgiveness special fund.

21 (c) A nursing teacher shall meet the following conditions
22 to qualify for the program:



- 1 (1) Earn a master's or doctoral degree in nursing;
- 2 (2) Be liable for any outstanding balance on a qualified
3 loan;
- 4 (3) Agree to teach in a qualified position for a period of
5 not less than five consecutive academic years after
6 completion of the advanced degree;
- 7 (4) Teach in a qualified position for not less than five
8 consecutive academic years after completion of the
9 advanced degree; and
- 10 (5) Agree that, if the nursing teacher leaves the
11 qualified position prior to teaching for five
12 consecutive academic years, the nursing teacher shall
13 be liable to repay the amount of the qualified loan
14 paid or forgiven through the program plus interest;
15 provided that if the nursing teacher leaves the
16 qualified position involuntarily, the nursing teacher
17 shall not be liable to repay the amount paid or
18 forgiven, but shall be responsible for paying the
19 amount remaining due on a qualified loan.
- 20 (d) The program shall provide that, following each of the
21 five consecutive academic years that the nursing teacher is
22 employed in a qualified position, the lesser of one-fifth or



1 \$4,000 of the nursing teacher's qualified loan shall be paid or
2 forgiven.

3 **§304A- Annual report.** (a) The University of Hawaii
4 shall publish a report every year commencing September 1, 2009.
5 The report shall include information regarding the operation of
6 the program, including:

- 7 (1) The total number of participants in the program;
8 (2) The amount of funds applied toward loan repayment or
9 forgiveness; and
10 (3) The source of those funds.

11 (b) The annual report shall be submitted to the governor
12 and the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
13 convening of each regular session."

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding a new section to subpart C of part V to be
16 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

17 "§304A- Nursing teacher loan forgiveness special fund.

18 There is created in the state treasury the nursing teacher loan
19 forgiveness special fund. The fund shall consist of all moneys
20 appropriated to the fund by the legislature and any gifts,
21 grants, and donations received in conjunction with the
22 administration of the nursing teacher loan forgiveness program



1 established in part VII. Moneys deposited in the special fund
2 shall be expended for the administration of the nursing teacher
3 loan forgiveness program."

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1 or so much thereof
6 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to be deposited
7 into the nursing teacher loan forgiveness special fund.

8 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the nursing
9 teacher loan forgiveness special fund the sum of \$1 or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the
11 nursing teacher loan forgiveness program established by this
12 Act.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
14 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



Report Title:

Nursing Teachers; Loan Forgiveness

Description:

Creates a nursing teacher loan forgiveness pilot program at the University of Hawaii. Creates the nursing teacher loan forgiveness special fund. (HB 2133 HD1)

