
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 PILOT 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 educational institution located in this state leading to a
2 master's or doctoral degree in nursing and who intends to teach
3 in a nursing program in Hawaii designed to prepare students for
4 licensure as registered nurses.

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

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



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

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



1 (d) The program shall provide that, following each of the
2 five consecutive academic years that the nursing teacher is
3 employed in a qualified position, the lesser of one-fifth or
4 \$4,000 of the nursing teacher's qualified loan shall be paid or
5 forgiven.

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

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

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

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

20 **"§304A- Nursing teacher loan forgiveness special fund.**
21 There is created in the state treasury the nursing teacher loan
22 forgiveness special fund. The fund shall consist of all moneys

1 appropriated to the fund by the legislature and any gifts,
2 grants, and donations received in conjunction with the
3 administration of the nursing teacher loan forgiveness pilot
4 program established in part VII. Moneys deposited in the
5 special fund shall be expended for the administration of the
6 nursing teacher loan forgiveness pilot program."

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

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

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

18 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
21 support staff for the school of nursing and dental hygiene to
22 carry out the purposes of this Act.



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

3 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Nursing Teacher Loan Forgiveness Pilot Program

Description:

Creates a Nursing Teacher Loan Forgiveness Pilot Program at the University of Hawaii. Creates the Nursing Teacher Loan Forgiveness Special Fund. (HB 2133 HD2)

