
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF HAWAII.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Senator Hiram L. Fong commission
2 established by the legislature in Act 117, Session Laws of
3 Hawaii 2005, found that the senator's more than thirty years of
4 public service was distinguished by his ability to bridge party
5 and ethnic lines. Senator Fong championed civil rights, labor
6 rights, and immigration reform. He contributed to the enactment
7 of Hawaii's little Wagner Act, which provided for the
8 unionization of agricultural workers. At the same time, the
9 Senator was a firm believer in the free market and the need to
10 stand on one's own feet.

11 The commission also found that Senator Fong's legislative
12 accomplishments owed greatly to the collaboration and
13 cooperation of democratic colleagues, particularly the other
14 senator from Hawaii, Oren E. Long, and the senate majority
15 leader, senator Lyndon Johnson. The bill establishing the East-
16 West Center was introduced by Senator Oren E. Long, and its



1 ultimate success owed much to his and Senator Hiram L. Fong's
2 leadership and collaboration.

3 The commission recommended that the legislature establish
4 the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship at the University of
5 Hawaii.

6 Although not within the purview of the commission, the
7 commission also suggested that Senator Oren E. Long also be
8 honored for his forty-one years of public service, which
9 included service as superintendent of public instruction for
10 twelve years, then secretary of the Territory of Hawaii,
11 governor of Hawaii, and finally United States senator.

12 The purpose of this Act is to establish two scholarship
13 programs in honor of Senator Hiram L. Fong and Senator Oren E.
14 Long respectively, to be administered by the University of
15 Hawaii with proceeds from endowment trusts that shall receive
16 initial funding by appropriations out of the general revenues of
17 the State.

18 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
20 designated and to read as follows:

21 "§304A- The Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program;
22 endowment trust. (a) There is established the Senator Hiram L.



1 Fong scholarship program to be administered by the University of
2 Hawaii with proceeds from an endowment trust, which shall
3 receive its initial funding by an appropriation out of the
4 general revenues of the State. The program shall provide
5 financial support to students enrolled at any campus of the
6 University of Hawaii.

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

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

10 (2) Are upperclassmen at the University of Hawaii;

11 (3) Submit winning essays to the board of regents on the
12 senator's contributions to Hawaii;

13 (4) Have a demonstrated commitment to local community
14 issues, as shown by volunteer work and participation
15 in community organizations; and

16 (5) Have a demonstrated interest and knowledge of the
17 history of immigration to Hawaii.

18 (c) The amount to be awarded to a student shall be
19 determined by the board of regents with due regard to the total
20 amount of funds available for the program. The award that a
21 student receives under this program may be used to:



- 1 (1) Pay for the costs of tuition and fees for a single
2 academic year;
- 3 (2) Pay for the costs of textbooks and other instructional
4 materials for a single academic year;
- 5 (3) Pay for the costs of room and board at a dormitory or
6 apartment maintained by the University of Hawaii for a
7 single academic year; or
- 8 (4) Defray the difference between the student need, as
9 determined by the Free Application for Federal Student
10 Aid, and the total cost of attendance for a single
11 academic year.
- 12 (d) The board of regents shall adopt rules to implement
13 the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program. The rules shall
14 be adopted pursuant to chapter 91 but shall be exempt from the
15 public notice and public hearing requirements.
- 16 (e) The scholarship program shall be funded with proceeds
17 from an endowment trust established with initial funding by an
18 appropriation out of the general revenues of the State and shall
19 be administered by the board of regents for the purposes of
20 supporting the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program.
- 21 §304A- The Senator Oren E. Long scholarship program and
22 endowment. (a) There is established the Senator Oren E. Long



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2 apartment maintained by the University of Hawaii for a
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5 determined by the Free Application for Federal Student
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7 academic year.

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9 the Senator Oren E. Long scholarship program. The rules shall
10 be adopted pursuant to chapter 91 but shall be exempt from the
11 public notice and public hearing requirements.

12 (e) The scholarship program shall be funded with proceeds
13 from an endowment trust with initial funding by an appropriation
14 out of the general revenues of the State and shall be
15 administered by the board of regents for the purposes of
16 supporting the Senator Oren E. Long scholarship program."

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000, or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for the
20 University of Hawaii to establish an endowment trust with an
21 appropriate financial institution, the proceeds from which shall
22 fund the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship; provided that the



1 University of Hawaii shall administer the scholarship in
2 accordance with the report of November 17, 2005, submitted to
3 the legislature from the Senator Hiram L. Fong commission.

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

6 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000, or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for the
9 University of Hawaii to establish an endowment trust with an
10 appropriate financial institution, the proceeds from which shall
11 fund the Senator Oren E. Long scholarship; provided that the
12 University of Hawaii shall administer the scholarship.

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, 2007.



Report Title:

UH; Scholarship Program; Hiram L. Fong; Oren E. Long

Description:

Establishes the Senator Hiram L. Fong and the Oren E. Long scholarship programs and endowment trusts that shall be administered by the University of Hawaii. (SD1)

