
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEACHERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 304A-701, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There is created the Hawaii educator loan program to
4 be administered by the University of Hawaii, in partnership with
5 a financial institution whose operations are principally
6 conducted in Hawaii, to provide financial support to students
7 and teachers who complete a state-approved teacher education
8 program, which may include teacher education programs outside of
9 the University of Hawaii and the State, and who agree to teach
10 as a full-time teacher for a period of time to be determined by
11 the university prior to the award of a loan, in:

12 (1) The Hawaii public school system in a hard-to-fill
13 position including special education, regular
14 education shortage categories, or Title 1 schools, and
15 in one of the following capacities:

16 (A) As an elementary school teacher teaching in the
17 field of elementary education who has met



1 standards as set forth by the Hawaii teacher
2 standards board; or

3 (B) As a secondary school teacher teaching in the
4 subject area that is relevant to the loan
5 recipient's academic major as certified by the
6 department of education who has met standards as
7 set forth by the Hawaii teacher standards board;
8 or

9 (2) At a school located in a rural area in the State, as
10 determined by the superintendent of education.

11 Eligibility shall be determined by the university on a
12 competitive basis. The amount to be loaned to a student shall
13 be determined by the board of regents based on need for
14 financial aid and proof of acceptance into a state-approved
15 teacher education program [~~at the university~~]. The maximum
16 amount of loans that a student may receive under this program
17 shall be an aggregate amount equivalent to tuition payments and
18 costs of textbooks and other instructional materials necessary
19 to complete a state-approved teacher education program."

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
22 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for



1 the Hawaii educator loan program; provided that \$ shall
2 be allocated for the costs of administering the program,
3 including the hiring of additional support staff, as necessary.

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

6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
9 provided that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



Report Title:

UH; Hawaii Educator Loan Program; Appropriation

Description:

Authorizes the expansion of the Hawaii educator loan program to include applicants from state-approved teacher education programs outside of the University of Hawaii and the State. Appropriates funds for the loans, including the provision of administrative costs for the program. (SD1)

