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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE WESTERN INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER  
EDUCATION.

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

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

4           "§304A-A Definitions. As used in this subpart, unless the  
5 context clearly requires otherwise:

6           "Commission" means the Western Interstate Commission for  
7 Higher Education.

8           "Hawaii commission" means the Hawaii Western Interstate  
9 Commission for Higher Education established under section  
10 304A-3204.

11           "Hawaii commissioners" means the members of the Hawaii  
12 Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

13           "§304A-B Professional student exchange program. The Hawaii  
14 commission may establish a repayment policy for students who  
15 receive any financial support from funds appropriated by the  
16 legislature for the Hawaii professional student exchange program  
17 of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.



1       §304A-C Professional student exchange program special  
2 fund. (a) There is established a professional student exchange  
3 program special fund to be administered and expended by the  
4 Hawaii commission.

5       (b) The following moneys shall be deposited into the  
6 special fund:

7       (1) Principal and interest payments received as repayment  
8       of financial support from former or current  
9       participants of the professional student exchange  
10       program, pursuant to section 304A-B; and

11       (2) Interest earned or accrued on moneys in the special  
12       fund.

13       (c) Moneys in the special fund shall be expended to:

14       (1) Support the professional student exchange program's  
15       activities, including the provision of financial  
16       support to participants at Western Interstate  
17       Commission for Higher Education receiver institutions;  
18       and

19       (2) Enforce the collection of delinquent obligations."

20       SECTION 2. Section 304A-3204, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
21 amended to read as follows:



1 " ~~[f] §304A-3204 [f]—State commissioners.]~~ Hawaii Western  
2 Interstate Commission for Higher Education. (a) There is  
3 established within the University of Hawaii for administrative  
4 purposes the Hawaii Western Interstate Commission for Higher  
5 Education as the commission for the State of Hawaii of the  
6 Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, established  
7 under Article III of the Western Regional Education Compact.

8 (b) The governor, with the advice and consent of the  
9 senate, shall appoint the members of the Hawaii commission ~~[for~~  
10 ~~this State of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher~~  
11 ~~Education that is created under the provisions of Article III of~~  
12 ~~the Western Regional Education Compact]~~. The positions of the  
13 Hawaii commissioners shall be placed within the University of  
14 Hawaii for administrative purposes.

15 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) The qualifications and terms of office of the  
16 ~~[members of the commission for this State]~~ Hawaii commissioners  
17 shall conform with Article IV of the compact.

18 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) The Hawaii commissioners shall serve without  
19 compensation, but they shall be reimbursed for their actual and  
20 necessary expenses by the Western Interstate Commission for  
21 Higher Education.



1           ~~[(d)]~~ (e) The Hawaii commissioners ~~[for this State]~~, with  
2 the help of an advisory committee selected by them, shall  
3 certify those students from the State of Hawaii who may receive  
4 special assistance in their professional education from the  
5 State, under contracts provided for in the Western Regional  
6 Education Compact."

7           SECTION 3. Section 304A-3205, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9           "~~[[~~§304A-3205~~]]~~ **Expenditures; reports.** Expenditures by  
10 the Hawaii commission, including the amounts fixed annually as  
11 the equal contribution of each member to the compact, shall be  
12 made upon warrants issued by the state comptroller based upon  
13 vouchers approved by any one of the Hawaii commissioners. A  
14 report of the activities and expenses of the Hawaii  
15 commissioners and a proposed program for the State's continuing  
16 participation in the activities of the Western Interstate  
17 Commission for Higher Education, including a budget request,  
18 shall be submitted by the Hawaii commissioners to the  
19 legislature for each regular legislative session."

20           SECTION 4. In codifying the new sections added by section  
21 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute the



1 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating  
2 the new sections in this Act.

3 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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**Report Title:**

WICHE; Professional Student Exchange Program; Special Fund

**Description:**

Establishes the Hawaii Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education (Hawaii WICHE). Allows Hawaii WICHE to establish a repayment policy for students who receive financial support from certain funds appropriated for the Hawaii commission. Establishes a professional student exchange program special fund.

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