
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the University of
2 Hawaii is accountable to the legislature and to the people of
3 the State of Hawaii for providing a public higher education
4 system designed to meet the needs of the citizens of the State,
5 and for using its funds in a manner that is consistent with its
6 goals and understandable to the legislature and to the public.
7 The legislature acknowledges that the University of Hawaii has
8 adopted strategic goals which are linked to performance outcomes
9 that are measurable and that indicate the extent to which the
10 University of Hawaii and its campuses have achieved these goals.
11 Furthermore, the University of Hawaii has proposed an outcomes
12 funding model directly tied to strategic indicators.

13 The purpose of this Act is to, among other things:

14 (1) Repeal the current statutory provisions relating to
15 benchmark reporting in favor of higher education
16 planning;

17 (2) Require the University of Hawaii Board of Regents to
18 recommend amendments to the priority guidelines for



1 quality education under section 226-107, Hawaii
2 Revised Statutes, based on a periodic review of state
3 needs related to higher education;

4 (3) Require the University of Hawaii Board of Regents to
5 develop a functional plan that will further define and
6 implement these higher educational goals by
7 identifying outcomes and indicators; and

8 (4) Require the University of Hawaii to monitor and report
9 biennially on its progress toward achieving
10 performance outcomes in a manner that is transparent
11 and clearly linked to state higher education needs as
12 defined in section 226-107, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

13 SECTION 2. Section 304A-2001, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "~~[§]§304A-2001[§]—Benchmarks; annual budget requests;~~
16 ~~biennial reports.]~~ Higher education planning; biennial report.

17 (a) The board of regents shall ~~[adopt benchmarks to expand and~~
18 ~~develop the university to become a statewide campus that~~
19 ~~provides Hawaii with a higher education system]~~ periodically
20 review and recommend to the legislature amendments to the
21 priority guidelines for quality education under section 226-107.



1 (b) The board of regents shall develop a functional plan
2 pursuant to section 226-57 that includes strategic goals,
3 outcomes, and performance indicators designed to meet the
4 ~~[future]~~ needs ~~[and demands]~~ of the citizens of the State and
5 capitalize on the university's unique resources and ~~[location]~~
6 opportunities to become ~~[an international]~~ a foremost
7 educational, research, and service center of learning to be
8 known ~~[both]~~ in the United States and throughout the Pacific and
9 Asian countries. The ~~[benchmarks]~~ functional plan shall include
10 but not be limited to:

- 11 (1) Expanding access to educational opportunity throughout
12 the State;
- 13 (2) Striving for excellence in undergraduate education;
- 14 (3) Requiring the university to continue to gain
15 prominence in research and distance learning;
- 16 (4) Revitalizing services to the State;
- 17 (5) Enhancing the international role of the university;
- 18 and
- 19 (6) Maintaining diversity by clarifying campus missions
20 and coordinating campus plans.



1 (c) The university shall periodically review its strategic
2 goals and outcomes and the public higher education needs of the
3 State.

4 [~~(b)~~] (d) The board of regents shall apply [~~these~~
5 ~~benchmarks~~] the university's functional plan, including
6 strategic goals and outcomes in the development of their
7 [~~annual~~] budget request to the legislature [~~and adoption of~~
8 ~~tuition schedules.~~

9 ~~(c) The university shall conduct a periodic review of all~~
10 ~~instruction, organized research, public service, academic~~
11 ~~support, student services, and institutional support programs at~~
12 ~~each campus to determine whether the programs are operating for~~
13 ~~the purposes originally established and not inconsistent with~~
14 ~~the benchmarks adopted pursuant to subsection (a)].~~

15 (e) The university shall submit a biennium report [~~of its~~
16 ~~findings~~] on the functional plan, including strategic outcomes
17 and performance measures to the legislature no later than twenty
18 days prior to the convening of the [~~legislature~~] regular
19 legislative session in the second year of each fiscal biennium."

20 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

22 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

University of Hawaii; System Benchmarks

Description:

Requires the University of Hawaii Board of Regents to periodically review the priority guidelines for quality education and recommend amendments to the Legislature, develop a functional plan that includes strategic goals, outcomes, and performance indicators, and report biennially to the Legislature. (HB1326 HD1)

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