
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. Every year, the worldwide demand for higher
2 education increases. In the late 1990's, fewer than ten per
3 cent of Chinese ages eighteen to twenty-two years were enrolled
4 in higher education. Today, over twenty-seven per cent are
5 enrolled in a university, with that population expected to
6 increase to forty per cent by 2020.

7 In the United States, universities are increasing their
8 online class offerings. In 2014, the State University of New
9 York will launch Open SUNY, a network of online classes. In
10 three years, it expects to enroll 100,000 degree-seeking
11 students and be the largest public online provider of education
12 in the nation.

13 Hawaii has a strategic advantage for offering online
14 courses due to its unique course offerings, especially in the
15 fields of earth science, technology, the environment, and the
16 ocean, in addition to highly popular business, engineering, and
17 hospitality management courses.



1 In addition, increasing online course offerings will
2 increase access to a university and will improve graduation
3 rates of currently enrolled students, students who could not
4 schedule courses due to scheduling conflicts, and those who are
5 unable to physically attend the university.

6 The purpose of this Act is to require the University of
7 Hawaii at Manoa to increase online courses sufficient to allow a
8 student to obtain an undergraduate or graduate degree entirely
9 online.

10 SECTION 2. By January 1, 2015, the chancellor of the
11 University of Hawaii at Manoa shall offer classes through
12 distance learning, or another method selected by the chancellor,
13 sufficient to allow students to complete an undergraduate or
14 graduate degree program entirely online.

15 The courses of study shall be authorized by the board of
16 regents; provided that the courses shall be offered in the same
17 frequency as similar courses at the university system campuses.
18 The degrees conferred shall also be authorized by the board of
19 regents; provided that no less than ten types of undergraduate
20 degrees and five types of graduate degrees shall be available in
21 each year.

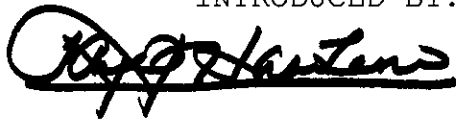


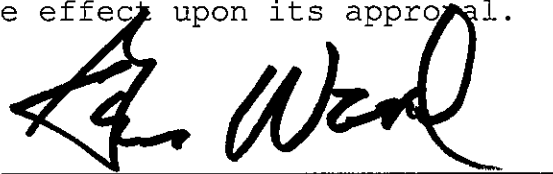
1 SECTION 3. The University of Hawaii shall submit a
 2 preliminary and final report, to the legislature no later than
 3 twenty days prior to the convening of the 2014 and 2015 regular
 4 sessions of the legislature, respectively, on the progress
 5 implementing the online degree programs including:

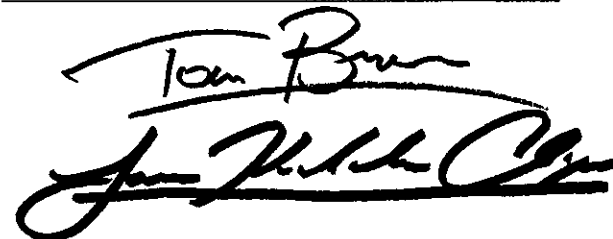
- 6 (1) The undergraduate and graduate degrees expected to be
 7 offered;
- 8 (2) The names and frequency of the courses being offered;
- 9 (3) The course and other requirements of the degrees being
 10 offered;
- 11 (4) The estimated tuition or fee to be charged for online
 12 courses;
- 13 (5) The expected student enrollment of the courses; and
- 14 (6) Proposed legislation necessary to implement and
 15 maintain the online undergraduate and graduate degree
 16 program.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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INTRODUCED BY:









H.B. NO. 463

Report Title:

Distance Learning; University of Hawaii at Manoa; Online Education

Description:

Requires the UOH to offer online courses sufficient to allow a student to obtain an undergraduate or graduate degree entirely online.

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