
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 304A, part IV, subpart A, subdivision
2 1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section
3 to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "§304A- Community college tuition waiver. The board of
5 regents shall waive the tuition of any person who enrolls as a
6 student in a community college under the following conditions:

7 (1) The person is a United States citizen or an eligible
8 non-citizen, as determined by the board;

9 (2) The person has been a resident of the State for at
10 least twelve months prior to the time of applying for
11 the waiver;

12 (3) The person is a graduate of a private or public high
13 school located in the State;

14 (4) The person is admitted to and enrolled full-time in a
15 community college;



1 (5) The person maintains satisfactory academic progress,
2 as determined by the community college in which the
3 person is enrolled;

4 (6) The person maintains continuous full-time enrollment
5 at a community college, except for periods of medical
6 or personal leave of absence, as approved by the
7 community college that the person attends;

8 (7) The person is physically present in the State; and

9 (8) The person is under the age of twenty-six."

10 SECTION 2. (a) The University of Hawaii shall implement
11 section 1 of this Act as a pilot project in any county with a
12 population of less than one hundred thousand people, beginning
13 in the fall of 2017. In addition to the requirements set forth
14 in section 1, and notwithstanding any conflicting requirements
15 set forth in section 1, the board of regents shall waive the
16 tuition of any person who enrolls as a student in a community
17 college in a county with less than one hundred thousand people
18 under the following conditions:

19 (1) The person completes and submits to the board of
20 regents a Free Application for Federal Student Aid;



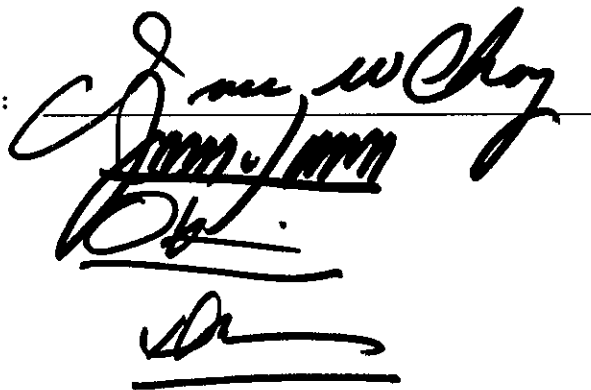
- 1 (2) The person has been a resident of the county for at
2 least two years;
- 3 (3) The person attended high school for at least two
4 years; and
- 5 (4) The person graduated from a high school located in the
6 county.
- 7 (b) The board of regents shall submit a report of its
8 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
9 legislation, on the outcomes of the tuition waiver program to
10 the legislature not less than twenty days prior to the convening
11 of the regular session of 2019.

12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016;
14 provided that section 1 shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

Community colleges; tuition waiver

Description:

Grants tuition waivers to students at the community colleges who meet certain criteria. Initiates the waiver program as a pilot project in a county with a population of less than 100,000.

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