
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. At the University of Hawaii, a financial
2 obligation hold can be placed on a student's financial account
3 due to an outstanding tuition balance. However, such a hold
4 also prevents a student from dropping academic courses. In
5 addition, such a hold may be placed on a student's financial
6 account prior to the last day by which students are allowed to
7 drop a course and thereby receive a refund of their tuition.
8 Accordingly, a student who wishes to lower the student's tuition
9 balance by dropping a course or courses is prevented from
10 achieving this goal.

11 The legislature finds that students at the University of
12 Hawaii should be permitted to obtain a refund of their tuition
13 as long as certain reasonable conditions are met. The
14 legislature further finds that this issue is a matter of
15 statewide concern that falls under its purview pursuant to
16 article X, section 6, of the Hawaii State Constitution.



1 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the University of
 2 Hawaii from placing a financial obligation hold on a student's
 3 financial account due to an unpaid tuition balance, prior to the
 4 last day by which students are allowed to drop a course or
 5 receive a refund of tuition.

6 SECTION 2. Subpart A of part II of chapter 304A, Hawaii
 7 Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be
 8 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

9 "§304A- Tuition balance; financial obligation hold.
 10 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the University of
 11 Hawaii shall not place a financial obligation hold on a
 12 student's financial account due to an unpaid tuition balance,
 13 prior to the last day by which students are allowed to drop a
 14 course or receive a refund of tuition."

15 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Students; Tuition; Financial Obligation Hold

Description:

Prohibits the University of Hawaii from placing a financial obligation hold on a student's financial account due to an unpaid tuition balance, prior to the last day by which students are allowed to drop a course or receive a refund of tuition.

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