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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 provides lower tuition rates for Hawaii residents as a
3 mean of encouraging the State's best students to remain in the
4 State and to provide assistance to those who may not be
5 otherwise financially able to pursue higher education. The
6 legislature also finds that it is a matter of statewide concern
7 that some students who receive the resident tuition rate do not
8 complete their undergraduate degrees in a reasonable time, thus
9 taking up space in courses that other students may need to
10 timely complete their degrees. The legislature believes that
11 students receiving resident tuition rates should be encouraged
12 to complete their degrees in a timely manner.

13 The purpose of this Act is to limit the number of credit
14 hours for which a student may receive resident tuition rates.

15 SECTION 2. Section 304A-402, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:



1 " [†]§304A-402 [†] Residence for tuition purposes; basic
2 rule. (a) The board of regents shall adopt the necessary rules
3 defining residence for tuition purposes herein; provided that
4 the basic rule shall be that a student shall qualify for the
5 resident tuition fee only if the following criteria are met:

6 (1) The adult student, or in the case of a minor student,
7 the student's parents or guardians, has or have been a
8 bona fide resident of this State for at least twelve
9 consecutive months next preceding the student's first
10 day of officially scheduled instruction for any
11 semester or term in which the student is enrolling at
12 the particular college or campus; and

13 (2) The adult or minor student has not been claimed as a
14 dependent for tax purposes for at least twelve months
15 next preceding the student's first day of officially
16 scheduled instruction for any semester or term in
17 which the student is enrolling at the particular
18 college or campus by the student's parents or
19 guardians who are nonresidents of the State; provided
20 that this provision shall not apply in cases where the
21 parent claiming the student as a dependent is entitled



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1 to do so under a child support order or agreement
 2 issued or entered into in conjunction with a divorce
 3 proceeding or legal separation agreement and the other
 4 parent and the student meet the criteria set forth in
 5 paragraph (1).

6 (b) A student pursuing an undergraduate degree shall only
 7 qualify to receive resident tuition fees for up to one hundred
 8 forty credit hours; provided that the board of regents may grant
 9 an exemption to a student if it is established that a course
 10 required for the student to graduate is or has been unavailable
 11 while the student has been in the University of Hawaii system."

12 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
 13 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
 14 begun before its effective date.

15 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

18 INTRODUCED BY: 



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Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Tuition; Residents; Limitation; Credit Hours

Description:

Provides that a student in the University of Hawaii system pursuing an undergraduate degree may only be eligible for resident tuition fees for up to one hundred forty credit hours.

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