
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 goals and
2 missions of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, as a research
3 university, are different and sometimes conflict with the goals
4 and missions of the University of Hawaii-West Oahu, the
5 University of Hawaii at Hilo, and the University of Hawaii
6 community colleges. The legislature further finds that
7 separating the University into three separate systems, one for
8 the community colleges, one for the solely undergraduate
9 universities, and one for research, will lead to greater
10 efficiency and better management of state higher education.

11 The legislature also finds that the organizational
12 structure of the University of Hawaii system and the finances of
13 the University of Hawaii to be matters of statewide concern.

14 The purpose of this Act is to separate the University of
15 Hawaii system into three independent parts:



1 (1) A system of community colleges focused on granting
2 associate degrees and certifications, consisting of
3 the community colleges;

4 (2) A system of undergraduate universities focused on
5 teaching, consisting of the University of Hawaii, West
6 Oahu campus, and the University of Hawaii at Hilo; and

7 (3) A system of research institutions consisting of the
8 University of Hawaii at Manoa and other programs.

9 This Act also requires that the University of Hawaii at
10 Manoa be self-sufficient and receive no state funding.

11 SECTION 2. Section 37-66, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "[+]§37-66[+] Responsibilities of the legislature. (a)

14 The legislature shall:

15 (1) Consider the long-range plans, including the proposed
16 objectives and policies, the six-year state program
17 and financial plan, and the budget and revenue
18 proposals recommended by the governor and any
19 alternatives thereto[-];



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1 (2) Adopt programs and the state budget, and appropriate
2 moneys to implement the programs it deems
3 appropriate[-];

4 (3) Adopt [~~such~~] other legislation as necessary to
5 implement state programs[-]; and

6 (4) Review the implementation of the state budget and
7 program accomplishments and execution of legislative
8 policy direction. Implementation of the state budget
9 and program management, execution, and performance
10 shall be subject to post-audits by the auditor who
11 shall report the auditor's findings and
12 recommendations to the legislature as provided in
13 chapter 23.

14 (b) The legislature shall not appropriate general funds to
15 the University of Hawaii at Manoa or any program within the
16 University of Hawaii system of research institutions. All funds
17 appropriated in conflict with this paragraph shall lapse to the
18 credit of the general fund."



1 SECTION 3. (a) No later than July 1, 2022, the University
2 of Hawaii system shall separate into three distinct systems:

3 (1) A University of Hawaii system of community colleges
4 focused on granting associate degrees and
5 certifications, consisting of the community colleges;

6 (2) A University of Hawaii system of undergraduate
7 universities focused on teaching, consisting of the
8 University of Hawaii, West Oahu campus, and the
9 University of Hawaii at Hilo; and

10 (3) A University of Hawaii system of research institutions
11 consisting of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the
12 various research units, and other programs located at
13 or near the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

14 (b) Each system shall have an independent board of regents
15 appointed in the same manner as the current board of regents.

16 (c) The current board of regents, University of Hawaii
17 president, and other University of Hawaii system positions and
18 entities shall be converted to corresponding positions and
19 entities of the University of Hawaii system of research
20 institutions.



1 SECTION 5. No later than twenty days prior to the
2 convening of the 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 regular
3 legislative sessions, the University of Hawaii shall submit a
4 report to the legislature on the progress of separating the
5 University of Hawaii system into three parts pursuant to section
6 4 of this Act and in making the components of the future
7 University of Hawaii system of research institutions financially
8 self-sufficient. The reports shall include:

- 9 (1) The progress on separating the University of Hawaii
10 system into three systems;
- 11 (2) Implemented and proposed organizational charts;
- 12 (3) Financial plans to make the University of Hawaii at
13 Manoa and components of the future University of
14 Hawaii system of research institutions self-sufficient
15 so that they may operate without general fund
16 appropriations by the legislature, including plans to
17 fund positions currently funded by general funds; and
- 18 (4) Proposed legislation to effectuate the purpose of this
19 Act.

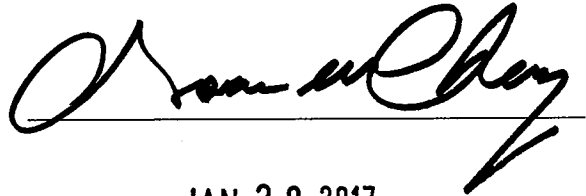
20 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
2 provided that section 2 shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

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Description:

Requires UH to separate into three parts: a community colleges system, an undergraduate consisting of UH-WO and UHH, and a research system consisting of UHM, entities at UHM, and other UH research units.

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