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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. According to article X, section 4, of the  
2 Hawaii State Constitution, the "State shall provide for a  
3 Hawaiian education program consisting of language, culture and  
4 history in the public schools." This commitment was recently  
5 reaffirmed by the Hawaii Supreme Court in their August 13, 2019,  
6 ruling on *Clarabal v. Department of Education*. In that ruling,  
7 the Hawaii Supreme Court held "that the Hawaiian education  
8 provision was intended to require the State to institute a  
9 program that is reasonably calculated to revive the Hawaiian  
10 language."

11           The legislature finds that it is an issue of statewide  
12 concern to preserve and cultivate the Hawaiian language. The  
13 purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to provide  
14 scholarships to students pursuing Hawaiian language  
15 certifications or degrees within the University of Hawaii  
16 system.



1           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for  
4 scholarships for students pursuing a Hawaiian language  
5 certification or degree within the University of Hawaii system.

6           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of  
7 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

8           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Hawaiian Language Studies; Scholarships; University of Hawaii;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to provide scholarships to students pursuing  
Hawaiian language certifications or degrees within the  
University of Hawaii system. Takes effect on 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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