
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS.

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

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

4 "§304A- Early childhood education scholarship program.

5 (a) There is established the early childhood education
6 scholarship program to be administered by the University of
7 Hawaii. The early childhood education scholarship program shall
8 assist students with school tuition in return for a service
9 commitment to teach in a classroom of the executive office on
10 early learning public prekindergarten program.

11 (b) The early childhood education scholarship program
12 shall cover the cost of tuition and fees for a complete course
13 of study that qualifies an individual to teach at a
14 prekindergarten program; provided that a recipient who fails to
15 maintain satisfactory academic progress shall be terminated from
16 the early childhood education scholarship program and shall be



1 required to repay the portion of the scholarship already
2 dispensed on the recipient's behalf.

3 (c) Recipients shall be required to complete three years
4 of teaching in a classroom of the executive office on early
5 learning public prekindergarten program established pursuant to
6 section 302L-7. If a recipient fails to complete the required
7 three-year service commitment, the recipient shall reimburse the
8 University of Hawaii for the full amount of the award received
9 from the scholarship program.

10 (d) The number of scholarships awarded annually shall be
11 determined by the University of Hawaii and shall be subject to
12 the availability of funds.

13 (e) The University of Hawaii shall establish necessary
14 policies and procedures to implement and sustain the scholarship
15 program, including application procedures, eligibility
16 requirements, and standards to determine which applicants are
17 awarded scholarships."

18 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the
21 purposes of this Act.



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

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Establishes the early childhood education scholarship program within the University of Hawaii to assist students with school tuition in return for a service commitment to teach in a preschool classroom of the executive office on early learning public prekindergarten program. Appropriates funds.

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