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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President and Members of the Senate  
Thirty First State Legislature  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott Saiki, Speaker  
and Members of the House of Representatives  
Thirty First State Legislature  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, the University of Hawai'i is transmitting one copy of the Annual Report on University of Hawai'i's Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund, FY 2020 (Section 304A-2159, Hawai'i Revised Statutes) as requested by the Legislature.

In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, this report may be viewed electronically at: <https://www.hawaii.edu/offices/government-relations/2021-legislative-reports/>.

Should you have any questions about this report, please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Kim at 956-4250, or via e-mail at [scskim@hawaii.edu](mailto:scskim@hawaii.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of David Lassner in black ink.

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Enclosure

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# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT



REPORT TO THE 2021 LEGISLATURE

Annual Report on the University of Hawai'i's Student  
Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund, FY 2020

HRS 304A-2159

December 2020

**Annual Report to the 2021 Hawai'i Legislature on  
The University of Hawai'i's Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund, FY 2020  
HRS 304A-2159**

**Academic Year Expenditures**

Pursuant to Act 161 (1995), Act 237 (1996), and HRS Sections 304A-501 and 304A-502, which authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i to grant, modify and suspend previous legislatively mandated tuition waivers, as well as to establish new ones, this report summarizes these expenditures for the 2019-20 academic year.

As part of its commitment to returning tuition revenue collected for financial assistance to students, the University awarded system-wide scholarships totaling \$48,858,965 to 16,789 students in 2019-20. More specifically, these Board-approved tuition revenue scholarships were awarded to students with financial need (11,491 students), as well as for merit purposes including high academic scholarships (4,118 students), Regents and Presidential Scholars (91 students), highly qualified international students (286 students), athletics (574 students), qualified students from certain Pacific Island jurisdictions (204 students), and miscellaneous departmental scholarships, such as matching Yellow Ribbon (25).

In 2019-20, an additional \$70,377,355 in Board-approved, non-resident tuition differentials were waived for 7,553 non-resident students in such categories as the following: East-West Center student grantees pursuing baccalaureate or advanced degrees (71 students); United States military personnel stationed in Hawai'i on active duty, and their authorized dependents during the period that the personnel are stationed in Hawai'i (1,411 students); members of the Hawai'i National Guard and the Hawai'i Reserves (57 students); Native Hawaiians whose domicile is outside of Hawai'i (464 students); employees of the University, their spouses, and their dependents (73 students); veterans and individuals eligible to use the GI Bill or Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty educational benefits (1,256 students); individuals with special talents and/or unique skills who will make a significant contribution to campus life (258 students); institutional agreements with the Pacific Islands (355 students); student exchange (657 students); Department of Education teacher exemption (1 student); and Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) (2,950 students). Tuition revenue from these non-resident students was \$81,462,093.

Also, in 2019-20, Board-approved tuition exemptions for 3,316 students totaling \$33,265,258 were awarded. These students received full or partial exemption of tuition charges in the following categories: Native Hawaiian students (678 students), University employees (689 students) and their spouses/domestic partners (150 students), graduate assistants (1,460 students), international student exchange (91 students), and other special talent individuals (248 students). Note that some non-resident employees, their spouses, or their dependents receive financial aid in both the tuition differential and the tuition exemption categories.