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President

**DEPT. COMM. NO. 33**

October 28, 2021

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 2021 (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/2022-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 in black ink, appearing to read 'David Lassner'.

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Enclosure

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# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT



REPORT TO THE 2022 LEGISLATURE

Annual Report on the University of Hawai'i's Student  
Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund, FY 2021

HRS 304A-2159

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The University of Hawai'i's Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund, FY 2021  
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 2020-21 academic year.

As part of its commitment to returning tuition revenue collected for financial assistance to students, the University awarded system-wide scholarships totaling \$53,564,342 to 19,331 students in 2020-2021. More specifically, these Board-approved tuition revenue scholarships were awarded to students with financial need (13,138 students) as well as for merit purposes including high academic scholarship (5,241 students), Regents and Presidential Scholars (95 students), highly qualified international students (194 students), athletics (500 students), and qualified students from certain Pacific Island jurisdictions (163 students).

In 2020-2021, an additional \$71,395,325 in Board-approved non-resident tuition differentials were waived for 7,440 non-resident students in such categories as the following: East-West Center student grantees pursuing baccalaureate or advanced degrees (75 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 (1,339 students); members of the Hawai'i National Guard and the Hawai'i Reserves (61 students); Native Hawaiians whose domicile is outside of Hawai'i (516 students); employees of the University, their spouses, and their dependents (50 students); veterans and individuals eligible to use GI Bill or Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty educational benefits (1,192 students); individuals with special talents and/or unique skills who will make a significant contribution to campus life (272 students); institutional agreements with the Pacific Islands (300 students); student exchange (359 students), Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) (3,168 students) and Western Graduate Exchange (WGE) (108 students). Tuition revenue from these non-resident students was \$78,887,170.

Also, in 2020-2021, Board-approved tuition exemptions for 3,159 students totaling \$30,000,252 were awarded. These students received full or partial exemption of tuition charges in the following categories: Native Hawaiian students (646 students), University employees (627 students) and their spouses/domestic partners (161 students), graduate assistants (1,477 students), international student exchange (4 students), and other special talent individuals (244 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.