
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the students of
2 university of Hawaii community colleges have benefited greatly
3 from the Hawaii community college promise program. The
4 legislature further finds that certificate programs at
5 university of Hawaii community colleges bring great value to the
6 State. Additionally, the legislature also finds that students
7 with developmental disabilities seeking post-graduate
8 certificates have had difficulty in accessing promise
9 scholarships in the past. Ensuring wider access to the Hawaii
10 community college promise program to students in certificate
11 programs allows more university of Hawaii community college
12 students to pursue their educational goals and is a matter of
13 statewide concern.

14 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to ensure access to
15 Hawaii community college promise program funding by exempting
16 certificate program students from the requirement to complete
17 the Free Application for Federal Student Aid each academic year



1 to be considered eligible for the Hawaii community college
2 promise program.

3 SECTION 2. Section 304A-506, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

5 "(b) A student enrolled at a community college campus
6 shall be eligible for scholarship consideration for a maximum of
7 eight semesters if the student:

- 8 (1) Qualifies for Hawaii resident tuition;
- 9 (2) Completes and submits the Free Application for Federal
10 Student Aid for each academic year and accepts all
11 federal and state aid, grants, scholarships, and other
12 funding sources that do not require repayment;
13 provided that this paragraph shall not apply to a
14 student who enrolls in a certificate program;
- 15 (3) Is enrolled in a classified degree or certificate
16 program with six or more credits per semester;
- 17 (4) Maintains satisfactory academic progress, as defined
18 by federal requirements established pursuant to
19 [Title] title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965,
20 as amended, and determined by the campus at which the
21 student is enrolled; and



1 (5) Has been determined by the campus to have unmet direct
2 cost needs.

3 (c) Scholarships shall be awarded to the extent possible
4 based on available funds and on a greatest need basis. An award
5 granted to a student shall be equal to the student's unmet
6 direct cost need, based on the Free Application for Federal
7 Student Aid calculation of need, less the amounts available to
8 the student from Pell grants and other scholarships[-]; provided
9 that the unmet direct cost need for a student who enrolls in a
10 certificate program shall be based on a suitable instrument, as
11 determined by the university of Hawaii, less the amounts
12 available to the student from grants and other scholarships."

13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.



Report Title:

Hawaii Community College Promise Program; Certificate Programs;
FAFSA; Exemption

Description:

Exempts University of Hawaii community college students who are enrolled in certificate programs from the requirement to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid each academic year to be considered eligible for the Hawaii Community College Promise Program. (CD1)

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