
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a
2 persistent shortage of teachers for Hawaii's public schools.
3 This measure would establish a public education scholarship
4 program to provide financial assistance at the university level
5 for students in pursuit of educational degrees. In return,
6 scholarship recipients would agree to give back by teaching in a
7 public school classroom in the State for a fixed period of
8 years. As a means to address the statewide shortage of public
9 educators, the legislature finds that this measure addresses an
10 issue of statewide concern.

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

14 "§304A- Public education scholarship program. (a)
15 There is established the public education scholarship program to
16 be administered by the university of Hawaii. The program shall
17 pay for the tuition of a student in return for the student's



1 service commitment to teach in a public school classroom of the
2 department of education or a Hawaii public charter school;
3 provided that the student is a resident of the State.

4 (b) The public education scholarship program shall cover
5 the cost of up to sixty credits at the university of Hawaii for
6 a bachelor's degree in education; provided that a recipient
7 shall receive not more than the cash equivalent of up to sixty
8 credits from the program; provided further that a recipient who
9 fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress or does not
10 receive an education degree upon graduation shall be terminated
11 from the program and shall be required to repay the portion of
12 the scholarship already dispensed on the recipient's behalf.

13 (c) Recipients shall be required to complete not more than
14 seven years of teaching within the ten years following
15 graduation and having obtained a license from the Hawaii teacher
16 standards board in a public school classroom of the department
17 of education or a Hawaii public charter school. If a recipient
18 fails to complete the required service commitment, the recipient
19 shall reimburse the university of Hawaii for the full amount of
20 the award received from the program.



1 (d) The amount of scholarship funds awarded annually to
2 recipients by the university of Hawaii shall not exceed
3 \$ _____.

4 (e) The university of Hawaii shall establish the necessary
5 policies and procedures to implement and sustain the public
6 education scholarship program, including application procedures,
7 eligibility requirements, and standards to determine which
8 applicants are awarded scholarships."

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ _____ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
12 the public education scholarship program established pursuant to
13 this Act.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the university of
15 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 4. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
17 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
18 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
19 appropriations contained in H.B. No. _____, will cause the state
20 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be
21 exceeded by \$ _____ or _____ per cent. In addition, the



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1 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund
 2 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further
 3 exceeded by \$ or per cent. The combined total
 4 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these
 5 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling
 6 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
 7 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the
 8 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

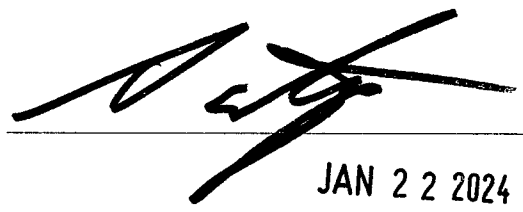
- 9 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
- 10 serve the public interest; and
- 11 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
- 12 addressed by this Act.

13 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

Public School Education; Scholarship; Tuition; University of Hawaii; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Public Education Scholarship Program within the University of Hawaii to provide students who are residents of the State with scholarships in return for a service commitment to teach in a public school classroom of the Department of Education or Hawaii public charter school, under certain conditions. Appropriates funds.

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