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David Lassner
President

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

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Speaker
and Members of the House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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

For your information and consideration, the University of Hawai'i is transmitting one copy of the Annual Report on the University of Hawai'i's Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund, FY 2024 (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/govrel/docs/reports/2025/hrs304a-2159_2025_scholarship-assistance_annual-report_508.pdf

Should you have any questions about this report, please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Kim at (808) 956-4250, or via e-mail at scskim@hawaii.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Lassner'.

David Lassner
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Enclosure

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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT



REPORT TO THE 2025 LEGISLATURE

Annual Report on the University of Hawai'i's Student
Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund, FY 2024

HRS 304A-2159

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**Annual Report to the 2025 Hawai'i Legislature on
The University of Hawai'i's Student Scholarship and Assistance
Special Fund, FY 2024 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 (University) to grant, modify and suspend previously legislatively mandated tuition waivers, as well as to establish new ones, this report summarizes these expenditures for the 2023-2024 academic year.

As part of its commitment to returning tuition revenue collected for financial assistance to students, the University awarded system-wide scholarships totaling \$62,853,279 to 18,433 students in 2023-2024. More specifically, these Board-approved tuition revenue scholarships were awarded to students with financial need (11,014 students) as well as for merit purposes including high academic scholarship (5,994 students), Regents and Presidential Scholars (96 students), highly qualified international students (381 students), athletes (560 students), qualified students from certain Pacific Island jurisdictions (153 students), and other special talent individuals (235 students).

In 2023-2024, an additional \$106,078,401 in Board-approved non-resident tuition differentials were waived for 8,574 non-resident students. A total of \$36,431,105 was waived for 3,259 non-resident students who were assessed tuition equivalent to the resident rate in the following categories: East-West Center student grantees pursuing baccalaureate or advanced degrees (68 students); employees of the University, their spouses, and their dependents (29 students); members of the Hawai'i National Guard and the Hawai'i Reserves (36 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 (744 students); Native Hawaiians whose domicile is outside of Hawai'i (439 students); individuals with special talents and/or unique skills (228 students); student exchange (349 students); and veterans and individuals eligible to use GI Bill or Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty educational benefits (1,368 students). A total of \$69,647,297 was waived for 5,318 non-resident students who were assessed at 150% of the resident rate in the following categories: student exchange (270 students), institutional agreements with the Pacific Islands (306 students), Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP) (358 students), and Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) (4,384 students). Tuition revenues from these non-resident students was \$98,246,728.

Also, in 2023-2024, Board-approved tuition exemptions for 2,886 students totaling \$28,527,513 were awarded. These students received full or partial exemption of tuition charges in the following categories: Native Hawaiian students (615 headcount that represents 250 full-time equivalent), University employees (522 students) and their spouses/domestic partners (111 students), and graduate assistants (1,638 students). Note that some non-resident employees and/or their spouses may receive financial aid in both the tuition differential and the tuition exemption categories.