
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RELIEF FUNDING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 304A-2153, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§304A-2153 University of Hawaii tuition and fees special**

4 **fund.** (a) There is established the [~~University~~] university of

5 Hawaii tuition and fees special fund into which shall be

6 deposited all revenue collected by the university for regular,

7 summer, and continuing education credit tuition, tuition-related

8 course and fee charges, and any other charges to students,

9 except as provided by law. Moneys deposited into the fund shall

10 be expended to maintain or improve the university's programs and

11 operations and shall not be:

12 (1) Used as a justification for reducing any budget

13 request or allotment to the university unless the

14 university requests such a reduction;

15 (2) Transferred unless otherwise authorized by the

16 legislature; and



1 (3) Restricted by the governor or the director of finance
2 without the prior approval of the legislature.

3 Any rule, policy, or action of any agency or individual in
4 contravention of this subsection shall be void as against public
5 policy.

6 (b) Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, the board of
7 regents may authorize expenditures of up to \$3,000,000 annually,
8 excluding in-kind services, from this fund for the purposes of
9 promoting alumni relations and generating private donations for
10 deposit into the University of Hawaii Foundation for the
11 purposes of the university. Any expenditure authorized pursuant
12 to this subsection shall be for a public purpose and shall not
13 be subject to chapters 42F, 103, 103D, and 103F. The university
14 shall submit a comprehensive report to the legislature detailing
15 the use of any funds authorized by the board under this
16 subsection no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
17 each regular session.

18 The report shall:

19 (1) Identify each department of the University of Hawaii
20 Foundation supported by moneys from the fund;



- 1 (2) Describe the purposes and activities of each
2 department identified in paragraph (1) and how it
3 participates in fundraising activities and benefits
4 the university;
- 5 (3) Provide the total expenditures of each department
6 identified in paragraph (1) by primary expense
7 categories;
- 8 (4) Identify all moneys from the fund transferred to any
9 fund of the university and provide a justification of
10 how these moneys are used to benefit the university;
- 11 (5) Provide a financial summary of the operating
12 activities of the University of Hawaii Foundation,
13 including revenues and expenditures by major reporting
14 categories; and
- 15 (6) Identify amounts and purposes of all expenditures from
16 the [University] university of Hawaii support fund.
- 17 (c) Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, the
18 university may transfer funds from the [University] university
19 of Hawaii tuition and fees special fund into the scholarship and
20 assistance special fund established pursuant to section
21 304A-2159.



1 (d) Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, the board of
2 regents may authorize expenditures of up to \$3,000,000 annually,
3 excluding in-kind services, from this fund for the purposes of
4 providing student aid in direct response to an emergency or a
5 disaster, as declared by the governor. The university shall
6 submit a comprehensive report to the legislature detailing the
7 use of any funds authorized by the board under this subsection
8 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular
9 session.

10 [~~d~~] (e) In estimating its quarterly budget requirements,
11 each campus of the [~~University~~] university of Hawaii shall
12 prepare a plan for the fiscal year for the operation of each of
13 the programs that it is responsible for administering. The
14 operations plan shall be:

- 15 (1) In such form and content as the vice president for
16 budget and finance and chief financial officer of the
17 [~~University~~] university of Hawaii may prescribe; and
18 (2) Submitted, together with the estimated quarterly
19 budget requirements, to the vice president for budget
20 and finance and chief financial officer on such date



1 as the vice president for budget and finance and chief
2 financial officer may prescribe.

3 [~~e~~] (f) The president and vice president for budget and
4 finance and chief financial officer of the [University]
5 university of Hawaii:

6 (1) Shall review the operations plan for each campus to
7 determine if:

8 (A) It is consistent with the policy decisions of the
9 board of regents and appropriations by the
10 legislature;

11 (B) It reflects proper planning and efficient
12 management methods; and

13 (C) Appropriations have been made for the planned
14 purpose and will not be exhausted before the end
15 of the fiscal year;

16 (2) Shall approve the operations plan for each campus if
17 they determine that the operations plan meets the
18 requirements of paragraph (1); and

19 (3) May modify or withhold the planned expenditures of any
20 campus at any time during the appropriations period.



1 [~~f~~] (g) At the end of each fiscal year, the moneys in
2 the [~~University~~] university of Hawaii tuition and fees special
3 fund for each campus shall lapse to the credit of program
4 identification number UOH900 (~~[University]~~ university of Hawaii,
5 system wide support)."

6 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



Report Title:

UH; Tuition and Fees Special Fund

Description:

Amends the University of Hawaii Tuition and Fees Special Fund by allowing the Board of Regents to dedicate funding for student aid in direct response to an emergency or disaster, as declared by the Governor. (SD1)

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