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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding two new sections to part III, subpart C, to be
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- Future career and technical education teacher
5 scholarship program; established. (a) There is established the
6 future career and technical education teacher scholarship
7 program to be administered by the department to facilitate the
8 recruitment and retention of career and technical education
9 teachers.

10 (b) An individual shall be eligible for scholarship
11 consideration if the individual:

12 (1) Is enrolled at a university of Hawaii campus and
13 qualifies for Hawaii resident tuition under section
14 304A-402; and

15 (2) Is enrolled in a state-approved teacher education
16 program at the university of Hawaii.



1 (c) Scholarship recipients shall teach career and
2 technical education in the Hawaii public school system for at
3 least five years immediately following completion of a
4 state-approved teacher education program.

5 (d) If a scholarship recipient fails to complete the
6 state-approved teacher education program or fails to satisfy the
7 teaching requirement under subsection (c), the scholarship
8 recipient shall repay the scholarship award as follows:

9 (1) For each year less than the required number of years
10 that a scholarship recipient does not teach career and
11 technical education in the Hawaii public school
12 system, the scholarship recipient shall repay a
13 proportionate percentage of the scholarship funds
14 received; and

15 (2) The department shall set the terms and conditions for
16 scholarship repayment, including circumstances under
17 which scholarship recipients may be eligible for
18 deferment or forgiveness due to hardship or inability
19 to secure employment.

20 (e) Moneys repaid by scholarship recipients pursuant to
21 subsection (d) shall be deposited in the future career and



1 technical education teacher scholarship program special fund
2 established under section 302A-B.

3 (f) The board may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to
4 implement and administer the program.

5 **§302A-B Future career and technical education teacher**

6 **scholarship program special fund.** (a) There is established the
7 future career and technical education teacher scholarship
8 program special fund, into which shall be deposited legislative
9 appropriations and all moneys received as repayment from
10 scholarship recipients under section 302A-A(d).

11 (b) The special fund shall be administered and used by the
12 department to provide scholarships for the future career and
13 technical education teacher scholarship program."

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$600,000 or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
17 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
18 2026-2027 for the future career and technical education teacher
19 scholarship program.

20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
21 of education for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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S.B. NO. 440

Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Scholarship; Education Majors; Teacher Shortages; DOE; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the future career and technical education teacher scholarship program to be administered by the Department of Education to facilitate the recruitment and retention of career and technical teachers in Hawaii public schools. Appropriates funds.

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