

ACT 67

H.B. NO. 24

A Bill for an Act Relating to Student Financial Aid.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 304-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“Sec. 304-17 Number and allocation of financial aids. “Financial aid” as used in this section, means the tuition waivers authorized in section 304-4 and the scholarships authorized in section 304-15. A financial aid unit shall consist of a

tuition waiver or scholarship awarded for the regular academic year or a semester thereof, and providing full coverage of tuition and other fees as authorized by the board. The board shall have the power to divide a Hawaii merit scholarship among two or more part-time students or among students whose financial need will not substantiate a full scholarship. The total units of state financial aid in any given academic year shall not exceed the following:

- (1) In 1971 six percent of the total full-time undergraduate enrollment in the previous September;
- (2) In 1972 seven percent of the total full-time undergraduate enrollment in the previous September;
- (3) In 1973 eight percent of the total full-time undergraduate enrollment in the previous September;
- (4) In 1974 eleven per cent of the total full-time undergraduate enrollment in the previous September;
- (5) In 1975 and in each and every year thereafter thirteen percent of the total full-time undergraduate enrollment in the previous September;
- (6) Except that the projected enrollment for each entering class of a new campus shall be calculated as part of its full-time undergraduate enrollment until such campus shall have graduated its first class.

The allocation of the total number of units of financial aid shall be adjusted annually, based upon the ratio between full-time undergraduate students enrolled in the baccalaureate system and in the community college system.

Scholarships awarded to students in college transfer programs in the community colleges shall be continued upon their transfer into baccalaureate programs provided they continue to qualify, with the scholarship then to count against the quota for the baccalaureate degree granting campus. A scholarship awarded to a student who concurrently registers and enrolls at two or more campuses of the University of Hawaii during the same semester shall be counted against the quota for the campus at which the student is considered by the University to be seeking a certificate or degree. Each Hawaii State scholarship shall be granted for a period of one academic year, and may be renewed each year for all recipients who maintain a satisfactory standard of scholarship and deportment, and who continue to demonstrate financial need. The board may re-award to a new recipient the unused portion of a Hawaii state scholarship if the original awardee has left school, or for some reason ceases to remain qualified to receive financial aid. Each Hawaii merit scholarship shall be granted for the period of one semester and may be renewed. No student shall receive state scholarship grants for a period longer than four academic years while pursuing a professional or advance degree, bachelor's degree, associate degree or a certificate as the case may be."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

SECTION 3. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect on July 1, 1976.

(Approved May 10, 1976.)

*Edited accordingly.