

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1185

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

May 27, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate,  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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

This is to inform you that on May 27, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 1171, H.D. 2,  
S.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RELIEF  
FUNDING.  
**ACT 085**

Mahalo,

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Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on MAY 27 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 085**  
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## 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. The legislature finds that ensuring student  
2 well-being by providing student aid in direct response to an  
3 emergency or disaster is a matter of statewide concern.

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

6           "**§304A-2153 University of Hawaii tuition and fees special**  
7 **fund.** (a) There is established the [~~University~~] university of  
8 Hawaii tuition and fees special fund into which shall be  
9 deposited all revenue collected by the university for regular,  
10 summer, and continuing education credit tuition, tuition-related  
11 course and fee charges, and any other charges to students,  
12 except as provided by law. Moneys deposited into the fund shall  
13 be expended to maintain or improve the university's programs and  
14 operations and shall not be:

15           (1) Used as a justification for reducing any budget  
16                 request or allotment to the university unless the  
17                 university requests such a reduction;



1 (2) Transferred unless otherwise authorized by the  
2 legislature; and

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

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

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

20 The report shall:



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



1 assistance special fund established pursuant to section  
2 304A-2159.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (3) May modify or withhold the planned expenditures of any  
21 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)."

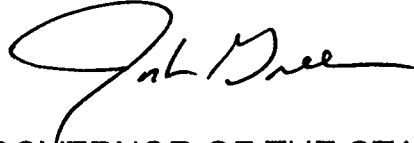
6        SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



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APPROVED this 27th day of May, 2025

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 1171, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

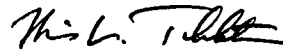
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives





Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate