A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SENATOR HIRAM L. FONG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The Senator Hiram L. Fong commission was
- 2 established by the twenty-third legislature through Act 117,
- 3 Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, to research and find means to honor
- 4 and recognize the distinguished political, business, and
- 5 community leader. The commission has completed its report and
- 6 recommended, as its first priority, that the legislature
- 7 establish and endow the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship at the
- 8 University of Hawaii. The commission found, and the legislature
- 9 agrees, that the establishment of such a scholarship is the most
- 10 appropriate and fitting way to honor, recognize, and perpetuate
- 11 the memory of Senator Fong, who championed civil rights, labor
- 12 rights, and immigration reform, and who represented all the
- 13 people of Hawaii without ideologically politicized division.
- 14 The purpose of this Act is to establish the Senator Hiram
- 15 L. Fong scholarship program.
- 16 SECTION 2. Chapter 304, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 17 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
- 18 and to read as follows:

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1	" <u>§304</u>	The Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program;
2	special fu	nd. (a) There is created the Senator Hiram L. Fong
3	scholarshi	p program to be administered by the University of
4	Hawaii. T	he program shall be used to provide financial support
5	to student	s enrolled at any campus of the University of Hawaii.
6	(b)	Awards shall be granted annually to one female student
7	and one ma	le student who:
8	(1)	Are graduates of a public high school in the state;
9	(2)	Are upperclassmen at the University of Hawaii; and
10	(3)	Submit an essay on the senator's contributions to
11	: :	Hawaii.
12	(c)	The amount to be awarded to a student shall be
13	determined	by the board of regents with due regard to the total
14	amount of	funds available for the program. The award that a
15	student re	ceives under this program may be used to:
16	(1)	Pay for the costs of tuition and fees;
17	(2)	Pay for the costs of textbooks and other instructional
18	1	materials;
19	(3)	Pay for the costs of room and board at a dormitory or
20		apartment maintained by the University of Hawaii; or

1	(4) Defray the difference between the student need, as		
2	determined by the Free Application for Federal Student		
3	Aid, and the total cost of attendance.		
4	(d) The board of regents shall adopt rules to implement		
5	the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program. The rules shall		
6	be adopted pursuant to chapter 91 but shall be exempt from the		
7	public notice and public hearing requirements.		
8	(e) The funds for this scholarship program shall be		
9	deposited into the student scholarship and assistance special		
10	fund and shall be administered by the board of regents of the		
11	University of Hawaii for the purposes of supporting the Senator		
12	Hiram L. Fong scholarship program."		
13	SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general		
14	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much		
15	thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to be		
16	deposited into the student scholarship and assistance special		
17	fund.		
18	The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of		
19	budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.		
20	SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the student		
21	scholarship and assistance special fund the sum of \$200,000 or		

- 1 so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to
- 2 be used for the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program.
- 3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
- 4 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
- 5 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.
- 6 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Description:

Creates the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program at the University of Hawaii. (HB2040 HD1)