# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1	SECTION 1. Chapter 304, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is			
2	amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated			
3	and to read as follows:			
4	"§304- Hawaii state scholars program. (a) There is			
5	established the Hawaii state scholars program to be administered			
6	by the University of Hawaii. This program shall be used to			
7	provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships for up			
8	to four years to any qualified student enrolled at any campus of			
9	the University of Hawaii with the possibility of renewal for a			
10	fifth year in exceptional circumstances.			
11	(b) Appropriations for the state scholars program shall be			
12	deposited into the University of Hawaii student scholarship and			
13	assistance special fund established pursuant to section			
14	304-16.6. The number of scholarships awarded and amount of each			
15	scholarship shall be determined by the university and subject to			
16	the availability of funds.			

The University of Hawaii shall offer scholarships to pay 17

18 for educational costs, such as tuition, fees, books, housing,

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1	and other	educ	ational costs; provided that the scholarship
2	applicant	<u>:</u>	
3	(1)	<u>Is a</u>	bona fide resident of the State of Hawaii, for
4		<u>tuit</u>	ion purposes, at the time of admission to the
5		<u>univ</u>	ersity;
6	(2)	Pres	ents evidence of academic excellence by meeting
7		<u>one</u>	or more of the following:
8		(A)	Graduation from a public or private high school
9			in the State of Hawaii as a valedictorian of the
10			applicant's class;
11		<u>(B)</u>	Has a cumulative high school grade point average
12			of 4.0 as determined for admission to the
13			university; or
14		<u>(C)</u>	Has achieved a test score on a standardized
15			college admission test recognized and accepted by
16			the university for admission consideration, such
17			as SAT or ACT, that places the student among the
18			top ten percentile of students taking the test
19			nationwide;
20	(3)	<u>Enro</u>	lls at a University of Hawaii system campus within
21		eigh	teen months of graduating from high school; and

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(4) Maintains satisfactory progress toward degree 1 completion and a cumulative 3.0 grade point average." 2 3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ 4 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for 5 the purposes of this Act. 6 7 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be deposited into the student scholarship and assistance special fund established 8 pursuant to section 304-16.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and shall 9 be expended by the University of Hawaii for scholarships for the 10 Hawaii state scholars program. 11 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored. 12

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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### Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Scholarship Program; Hawaii Scholars

### Description:

Establishes a Hawaii state scholars program at the University of Hawaii. Appropriates funds for the program. (SD2)