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# 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. The legislature finds that national and Hawaii  
2 analyses indicate that low-income students, even the highest  
3 achieving students academically, are significantly less likely  
4 to participate in post-secondary education compared with their  
5 more affluent peers. A major obstacle to their enrollment in  
6 post-secondary education is a lack of academic preparation that  
7 is motivated, in part, by the misperception that college tuition  
8 is exorbitant and that the cost must be paid out-of-pocket.

9           The GEAR UP scholars program in Hawaii and other similar  
10 programs demonstrate the success of programs that offer college  
11 scholarships as an incentive for students to pledge to prepare  
12 themselves early for college.

13           The purpose of this Act is to further encourage Hawaii  
14 residents to pursue post-secondary education by appropriating  
15 funds for the B plus scholarship program and changing the  
16 program's eligibility criteria.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and  
4 the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary  
5 for fiscal year 2008-2009 to fund the B plus scholarship  
6 Program; provided that:

7 (1) The University of Hawaii shall offer scholarships to  
8 any Hawaii resident who:

9 (A) Enrolls in any campus within the university  
10 system;

11 (B) Has graduated from a Hawaii public high school  
12 with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or  
13 better and has completed a rigorous high school  
14 curriculum;

15 (C) Is eligible for need-based financial aid based on  
16 federal financial aid guidelines; and

17 (D) Has pledged, via an early intervention program,  
18 to meet the requirements for the B plus  
19 scholarship program;

20 (2) Students enrolling in courses and pursuing careers in  
21 the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics



1 disciplines shall be given higher priority for up to  
2 ten per cent of the total scholarships awarded;

3 (3) Priority shall also be given to:

4 (A) Hawaii residents who have pledged, via an early  
5 intervention program, to meet the requirements  
6 for the B plus scholarship program; and

7 (B) Students who satisfy specific criteria  
8 established by a University of Hawaii campus for  
9 which priority of awards has been designated; and

10 (4) A B plus scholarship may be renewed annually if the  
11 student maintains satisfactory academic progress and  
12 continues to meet financial aid guidelines.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University  
14 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



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**Report Title:**

UH; B Plus Scholarship Program

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the B plus scholarship program. (SD1)

