
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 much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the
4 sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
5 year 2008-2009 to fund the B Plus Scholarship Program; provided
6 that the University of Hawaii shall offer scholarships to any
7 Hawaii resident who:

- 8 (1) Enrolls in any campus within the university system;
- 9 (2) Has graduated from a Hawaii public high school with a
10 cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and
11 has completed a rigorous high school curriculum;
- 12 (3) Is eligible for need-based financial aid based on
13 federal financial aid guidelines; and
- 14 (4) Has pledged, via an early intervention program, to
15 meet the requirements for the B Plus scholarship;
- 16 provided further that Hawaii residents who have pledged, via an
17 early intervention program, to meet the requirements for the B
18 Plus scholarship, shall receive priority for the scholarship;
19 provided further that the scholarship may be renewed annually if
20 the student maintains satisfactory academic progress and
21 continues to meet financial aid guidelines.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
2 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

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



Report Title:

University of Hawaii; B Plus Scholarship Program

Description:

Appropriates funds for the B Plus scholarship program. (HB1528
HD2)

