
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF HAWAII.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Senator Hiram L. Fong commission
2 established by the legislature through Act 117, Session Laws of
3 Hawaii 2005, found that the senator's thirty-plus years of
4 public service was distinguished by his ability to bridge party
5 and ethnic lines. Senator Fong championed civil rights, labor
6 rights, and immigration reform. He contributed to the enactment
7 of Hawaii's Little Wagner Act, which provided for the
8 unionization of agricultural workers. At the same time, the
9 Senator was a firm believer in the free market and the need to
10 stand on one's own feet.

11 The commission also found that Senator Fong's legislative
12 accomplishments owed greatly to the collaboration and
13 cooperation of democratic colleagues, particularly the other
14 senator from Hawaii, Oren E. Long, and the senate majority
15 leader, Lyndon Johnson. The bill establishing the East-West
16 Center was introduced by Senator Oren E. Long, and its ultimate



1 success owed much to his and Senator Hiram L. Fong's leadership
2 and collaboration.

3 The commission recommended that the legislature establish
4 the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship at the University of
5 Hawaii.

6 Although not within the purview of the commission, the
7 commission also suggested that Senator Oren E. Long be honored
8 for his forty-one years of public service, which included
9 service as superintendent of public instruction for twelve
10 years, secretary of the territory of Hawaii, governor of Hawaii,
11 and finally, United States senator.

12 The purpose of this Act is to establish two scholarship
13 programs in honor of Senator Hiram L. Fong and Senator Oren E.
14 Long to be administered by the University of Hawaii with
15 proceeds from endowment trusts that shall receive initial
16 funding by appropriations out of the general revenues of the
17 State.

18 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
20 designated and to read as follows:

21 **"§304A- The Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program;**
22 **endowment trust.** (a) There is established the Senator Hiram L.



1 Fong scholarship program to be administered by the university
2 with proceeds from an endowment trust, which shall receive its
3 initial funding by an appropriation out of the general revenues
4 of the State. The program shall provide financial support to
5 students enrolled at any campus of the university.

6 (b) Awards shall be granted annually to one female student
7 and one male student who:

8 (1) Are graduates of a public high school in the state;

9 (2) Are upperclassmen at the university;

10 (3) Submit winning essays to the board of regents on the
11 senator's contributions to Hawaii;

12 (4) Have a demonstrated commitment to local community
13 issues, as shown by volunteer work and participation
14 in community organizations; and

15 (5) Have a demonstrated interest and knowledge of the
16 history of immigration to Hawaii.

17 (c) The amount to be awarded to a student shall be
18 determined by the board of regents with due regard to the total
19 amount of funds available for the program. The award that a
20 student receives under this program may be used to:

21 (1) Pay for the costs of tuition and fees for a single
22 academic year;



- 1 (2) Pay for the costs of textbooks and other instructional
2 materials for a single academic year;
- 3 (3) Pay for the costs of room and board at a dormitory or
4 apartment maintained by the university for a single
5 academic year; or
- 6 (4) Defray the difference between student need, as
7 determined by the Free Application for Federal Student
8 Aid, and the total cost of attendance for a single
9 academic year.
- 10 (d) The board of regents shall adopt rules to implement
11 the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program. The rules shall
12 be adopted pursuant to chapter 91 but shall be exempt from the
13 public notice and public hearing requirements.
- 14 (e) The scholarship program shall be funded with proceeds
15 from an endowment trust established with initial funding by an
16 appropriation out of the general revenues of the State and shall
17 be administered by the board of regents for the purposes of
18 supporting the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program.
- 19 **§304A- The Senator Oren E. Long scholarship program;**
20 **endowment trust.** (a) There is established the Senator Oren E.
21 Long scholarship program to be administered by the university
22 with proceeds from an endowment trust, which shall receive its



1 initial funding by an appropriation out of the general revenues
2 of the State. The program shall provide financial support to
3 students enrolled at any campus of the university.

4 (b) Awards shall be granted annually to one female student
5 and one male student who:

6 (1) Are graduates of a public high school in the state;

7 (2) Are upperclassmen at the university; and

8 (3) Submit winning essays to the board of regents on the
9 senator's contributions to Hawaii.

10 (c) The amount to be awarded to a student shall be
11 determined by the board of regents with due regard to the total
12 amount of funds available for the program. The award that a
13 student receives under this program may be used to:

14 (1) Pay for the costs of tuition and fees for a single
15 academic year;

16 (2) Pay for the costs of textbooks and other instructional
17 materials for a single academic year;

18 (3) Pay for the costs of room and board at a dormitory or
19 apartment maintained by the university for a single
20 academic year; or

21 (4) Defray the difference between student need, as
22 determined by the Free Application for Federal Student



1 Aid, and the total cost of attendance for a single
2 academic year.

3 (d) The board of regents shall adopt rules to implement
4 the Senator Oren E. Long scholarship program. The rules shall
5 be adopted pursuant to chapter 91 but shall be exempt from the
6 public notice and public hearing requirements.

7 (e) The scholarship program shall be funded with proceeds
8 from an endowment trust established with initial funding by an
9 appropriation out of the general revenues of the State and shall
10 be administered by the board of regents for the purposes of
11 supporting the Senator Oren E. Long scholarship program."

12 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the
15 University of Hawaii to establish an endowment trust with an
16 appropriate financial institution, the proceeds from which shall
17 fund the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship; provided that the
18 University of Hawaii shall administer the scholarship in
19 accordance with the report of November 17, 2005, submitted to
20 the legislature from the Senator Hiram L. Fong commission.

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



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the
4 University of Hawaii to establish an endowment trust with an
5 appropriate financial institution, the proceeds from which shall
6 fund the Senator Oren E. Long scholarship; provided that the
7 University of Hawaii shall administer the scholarship.

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

10 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



Report Title:

UH; Scholarship Programs

Description:

Establishes the Senator Hiram L. Fong and Senator Oren E. Long Scholarship Programs and Endowment Trusts, which are to be administered by the University of Hawaii. (PROPOSED HB1529 HD1)

