
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 Senator Fong's public service of over
4 thirty years was distinguished by his ability to bridge partisan
5 and ethnic lines. Senator Fong championed civil rights, labor
6 rights, and immigration reform. He helped pass the Little Wager
7 Act, which gave Hawaii's agricultural workers who were not
8 covered under the federal Wagner Act, the right to unionize.
9 Senator Fong was also a firm believer in the free market and the
10 virtues of personal responsibility and self-reliance.

11 The commission also found that Senator Fong's legislative
12 accomplishments were the result of collaboration and cooperation
13 from his democratic colleagues, particularly Hawaii's other
14 United States senator, Oren E. Long, and United States Senate
15 majority leader, Lyndon Johnson. Federal legislation to
16 establish the East-West Center was introduced by Senator Oren E.



1 Long and its ultimate success is due in large part to his and
2 Senator Hiram L. Fong's leadership and collaboration.

3 The commission recommended that the legislature establish
4 the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship at the University of
5 Hawaii. The commission also suggested that Senator Oren E. Long
6 be honored for his forty-one years of public service, which
7 included service as superintendent of public instruction for
8 twelve years, secretary of the territory of Hawaii, governor of
9 Hawaii, and United States Senator.

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

16 The legislature finds and declares that the appropriations
17 under this Act are in the best interest of the public in helping
18 to provide public higher education assistance opportunities.

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



- 1 "§304A- The Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program;
2 endowment trust. (a) There is established the Senator Hiram L.
3 Fong scholarship program to be administered by the university
4 with proceeds from an endowment trust that shall receive its
5 initial funding by an appropriation out of the general revenues
6 of the State. The program shall provide financial support to
7 students enrolled at any campus of the university.
- 8 (b) Awards shall be granted annually to one female student
9 and one male student who:
- 10 (1) Are graduates of a public high school in the State;
11 (2) Are upperclassmen at the university;
12 (3) Submit winning essays to the board of regents on the
13 senator's contributions to Hawaii;
14 (4) Have a demonstrated commitment to local community
15 issues, as shown by volunteer work and participation
16 in community organizations; and
17 (5) Have a demonstrated interest and knowledge of the
18 history of immigration to Hawaii.
- 19 (c) The amount to be awarded to a student shall be
20 determined by the board of regents with due regard to the total
21 amount of funds available for the program. The award that a
22 student receives under this program may be used to:



- 1 (1) Pay for the costs of tuition and fees for a single
2 academic year;
- 3 (2) Pay for the costs of textbooks and other instructional
4 materials for a single academic year;
- 5 (3) Pay for the costs of room and board at a dormitory or
6 apartment maintained by the university for a single
7 academic year; or
- 8 (4) Defray the difference between student need, as
9 determined by the Free Application for Federal Student
10 Aid, and the total cost of attendance for a single
11 academic year.

12 (d) The board of regents shall adopt rules to implement
13 the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program. The rules shall
14 be adopted pursuant to chapter 91 but shall be exempt from the
15 public notice and public hearing requirements.

16 (e) The scholarship program shall be funded with proceeds
17 from an endowment trust established with initial funding by an
18 appropriation out of the general revenues of the State and shall
19 be administered by the board of regents for the purposes of
20 supporting the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program.

21 **§304A- The Senator Oren E. Long scholarship program;**
22 **endowment trust.** (a) There is established the Senator Oren E.



1 Long scholarship program to be administered by the university
2 with proceeds from an endowment trust that 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; and

10 (3) Submit winning essays to the board of regents on the
11 senator's contributions to 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 receives under this program may be used to:

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

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

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



1 (4) Defray the difference between student need, as
2 determined by the Free Application for Federal Student
3 Aid, and the total cost of attendance for a single
4 academic year.

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

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

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



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

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

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

12 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

13 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. (SD2)

