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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S ENGINEERING  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish a civil  
2 engineering scholarship program to be administered by the  
3 department of transportation and to appropriate moneys to  
4 promote the civil engineering profession, and offer financial  
5 assistance, on-the-job training, and employment opportunities to  
6 qualified students in Hawaii.

7           SECTION 2. Chapter 78, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
8 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
9 read as follows:

10           "§78-       Department of transportation; civil engineering  
11 scholarship program. (a) The department of transportation may  
12 establish a civil engineering scholarship program open to high  
13 school graduates of accredited high schools in Hawaii, or high  
14 school graduates who are residents of Hawaii, who have  
15 successfully completed a high school pre-college curriculum.  
16 The department of transportation, highways division, shall  
17 establish, without regard to chapter 91, the criteria and



1 guidelines for the scholarship program that shall include but  
2 not be limited to the qualification requirements, conditions for  
3 the scholarship, reimbursement provisions, and alternate options  
4 in which a scholarship participant may participate in order to  
5 otherwise fulfill their employment obligation under a  
6 scholarship agreement, if the participant is not hired by the  
7 department of transportation, highways division.

8 (b) The tuition component amount of a civil engineering  
9 scholarship award shall be limited to the resident tuition cost  
10 of the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

11 (c) Students awarded scholarships shall agree by contract,  
12 with the written approval of a parent or guardian when the  
13 applicant is under eighteen years of age, to apply for full-time  
14 civil service employment with the department of transportation,  
15 highways division, immediately after graduation from an  
16 accredited civil engineering program at the University of Hawaii  
17 and, accept any position offered, and if hired, complete one  
18 year of full-time employment with the department of  
19 transportation, highways division, for each school year in the  
20 scholarship program. A participant who fails to:

21 (1) Graduate from an accredited civil engineering program  
22 at the University of Hawaii; or



1       (2) Apply for employment with the department of  
2       transportation, highways division, immediately upon  
3       graduation as provided in this subsection or in  
4       subsection (f); or

5       (3) Accept any position offered by the department of  
6       transportation, highways division, shall reimburse the  
7       department of transportation, highways division, the  
8       full amount of moneys received.

9       (d) A participant who leaves the department of  
10      transportation, highways division, before completing the  
11      required number of years of employment shall reimburse the  
12      department of transportation, highways division, the full amount  
13      of scholarship moneys received by the participant for each year  
14      of scholarship that corresponds to each year for which the  
15      participant fails to complete the employment requirement.

16      (e) Summer employment may be offered by the department of  
17      transportation, highways division, to scholarship students. The  
18      department of transportation, highways division, shall establish  
19      guidelines to effectuate this subsection.

20      (f) The department of transportation's guidelines for this  
21      program will address situations where participants may wish to



1 postpone their work commitment to pursue a master's degree in  
2 civil engineering."

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the highways  
4 special fund, highways administration, (TRN 595) the sum of  
5 \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal  
6 year 2007-2008 to implement the department of transportation's  
7 engineering scholarship program.

8 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the  
9 department of transportation, highways division, for the  
10 purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

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