
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 shall establish, without regard
17 to chapter 91, the criteria and guidelines for the scholarship



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

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 legal 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 immediately after graduation from an accredited civil
16 engineering program at the University of Hawaii and accept any
17 position offered and, if hired, complete one year of full-time
18 employment with the department of transportation for each school
19 year in which the participant participated in the scholarship
20 program. A participant who fails to:

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



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

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

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

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

19 (f) The department of transportation's guidelines for this
20 program will address situations where participants may wish to
21 postpone their work commitment to pursue a master's degree in
22 civil engineering."



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

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
7 transportation for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

UH; engineering education

Description:

Promotes the civil engineering profession and enhances the recruitment and retention of civil engineers in the department of transportation by providing financial assistance, on-the-job training, and educational opportunities to qualified students.
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