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# 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 in Act 117, Session Laws of  
3 Hawaii 2005, found that the senator's more than thirty 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, Senator Lyndon Johnson. The bill establishing the East-  
16 West Center was introduced by Senator Oren E. Long, and its



1 ultimate success owed much to his and Senator Hiram L. Fong's  
2 leadership 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 also be  
8 honored for his forty-one years of public service, which  
9 included service as superintendent of public instruction for  
10 twelve years, then secretary of the Territory of Hawaii,  
11 governor of Hawaii, 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 respectively, to be administered by the University of  
15 Hawaii with proceeds from endowment trusts that shall receive  
16 initial funding by appropriations out of the general revenues of  
17 the 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 of  
2 Hawaii with proceeds from an endowment trust, which shall  
3 receive its initial funding by an appropriation out of the  
4 general revenues of the State. The program shall provide  
5 financial support to students enrolled at any campus of the  
6 University of Hawaii.

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

9 (1) Are graduates of a public high school in the State;

10 (2) Are upperclassmen at the University of Hawaii;

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

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

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

18 (c) The amount to be awarded to a student shall be  
19 determined by the board of regents with due regard to the total  
20 amount of funds available for the program. The award that a  
21 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 of Hawaii for a  
7           single academic year; or

8       (4) Defray the difference between the 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 and  
22       endowment. (a) There is established the Senator Oren E. Long



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2 Hawaii with proceeds from an endowment trust, which shall  
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4 general revenues of the State. The program shall provide  
5 financial support to students enrolled at any campus of the  
6 University of Hawaii.

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12 senator's contributions to Hawaii.

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16 student receives under this program may be used to:

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18 academic year;  
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2       apartment maintained by the University of Hawaii for a  
3       single academic year; or

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

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

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

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



1 University of Hawaii shall administer the scholarship in  
2 accordance with the report of November 17, 2005, submitted to  
3 the legislature from the Senator Hiram L. Fong commission.

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

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

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

15 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

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



**Report Title:**

UH; Scholarship Program; Hiram L. Fong; Oren E. Long

**Description:**

Establishes the Senator Hiram L. Fong and the Oren E. Long scholarship programs and endowment trusts that shall be administered by the University of Hawaii. (SD2)

