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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RULEMAKING.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 304A-105, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3           "(a) The board of regents shall have management and  
4 control of the general affairs, and exclusive jurisdiction over  
5 the internal structure, management, and operation of the  
6 university. The board may:

7           (1) Appoint a treasurer and other officers as it deems  
8 necessary;

9           (2) Authorize any officer, elected or appointed by it, to  
10 approve and sign on its behalf any voucher or other  
11 document that the board may approve and sign;

12           (3) Delegate to the president or the president's designee  
13 the authority to render the final decision in  
14 contested case proceedings subject to chapter 91, as  
15 it deems appropriate;

16           (4) Purchase or otherwise acquire lands, buildings,  
17 appliances, and other property for the purposes of the  
18 university; and

1           (5) Expend any sums of money as, from time to time, may be  
2           placed at the disposal of the university from whatever  
3           source; provided that notwithstanding any other law to  
4           the contrary, all documents regarding expenditures and  
5           changes thereto, made by the board shall be disclosed  
6           in open meetings for the purpose of public comment;  
7           provided further that all expenditure requests,  
8           proposals, and any other budgetary documents used by  
9           the board at an open meeting shall be made available  
10          to the public at least six calendar days before the  
11          meeting.

12          All lands, buildings, appliances, and other property so  
13          purchased or acquired shall be and remain the property of the  
14          university to be used in perpetuity for the benefit of the  
15          university. The board, in accordance with this section and  
16          other law, shall manage the inventory, equipment, surplus  
17          property, and expenditures of the university and ~~[, subject to~~  
18          ~~chapter 91, may adopt rules, further]~~ at an open public meeting  
19          subject to the requirements of chapter 92 may adopt regulations  
20          controlling and regulating the same."

21          SECTION 2. Section 304A-402, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
22          amended to read as follows:

23          "~~[+]§304A-402[+]~~ **Residence for tuition purposes** ~~[; basic~~  
24          **rule]**. The board of regents shall adopt the necessary ~~[rules]~~

1 regulations at an open public meeting subject to the  
2 requirements of chapter 92 defining residence for tuition  
3 purposes [~~herein~~]; provided that the basic [~~rule~~] principle  
4 shall be that a student shall qualify for the resident tuition  
5 fee at the university only if the following criteria are met:

6 (1) The adult student, or in the case of a minor student,  
7 the student's parents or guardians, has or have been a  
8 bona fide resident of this State for at least twelve  
9 consecutive months next preceding the student's first  
10 day of officially scheduled instruction for any  
11 semester or term in which the student is enrolling at  
12 the particular college or campus; and

13 (2) The adult or minor student has not been claimed as a  
14 dependent for tax purposes for at least twelve months  
15 next preceding the student's first day of officially  
16 scheduled instruction for any semester or term in  
17 which the student is enrolling at the particular  
18 college or campus by the student's parents or  
19 guardians who are nonresidents of the State; provided  
20 that this provision shall not apply in cases where the  
21 parent claiming the student as a dependent is entitled  
22 to do so under a child support order or agreement  
23 issued or entered into in conjunction with a divorce  
24 proceeding or legal separation agreement and the other

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1 parent and the student meet the criteria set forth in  
2 paragraph (1)."

3 SECTION 3. Section 304A-604, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "[+]§304A-604[+] **Rules governing state higher education**  
6 **loan fund.** The board of regents shall [~~have the power, in~~  
7 ~~accordance with chapter 91, to~~] at an open public meeting  
8 subject to the requirements of chapter 92 adopt [~~rules~~  
9 regulations necessary for the administration of the state higher  
10 education loan fund. The state higher education loan fund is  
11 limited to students at the University of Hawaii or the community  
12 colleges who have been residents of the State pursuant to  
13 section 304A-601."

14 SECTION 4. Section 304A-2160, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "[+]§304A-2160[+] **State higher education loan fund.** There  
17 is established a special fund to be known as the state higher  
18 education loan fund. The fund shall be a revolving fund and all  
19 interest and payments received on account of principal shall be  
20 credited to the fund. The fund shall be administered by the  
21 board of regents and shall be disbursed to needy students that  
22 meet eligibility requirements under section [+]304A-601[+]  
23 pursuant to [~~rules~~] regulations adopted by the board."

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1 SECTION 5. Section 304A-2353, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

3 "(d) The board of regents [~~shall adopt rules~~] may adopt  
4 regulations at an open public meeting subject to the  
5 requirements of chapter 92 to implement the Senator Hiram L.  
6 Fong scholarship program. [~~The rules shall be adopted pursuant~~  
7 ~~to chapter 91 but shall be exempt from the public notice and~~  
8 ~~public hearing requirements.~~]"

9 SECTION 6. Section 304A-2354, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

11 "(d) The board of regents [~~shall adopt rules~~] may adopt  
12 regulations at an open public meeting subject to the  
13 requirements of chapter 92 to implement the Senator Oren E. Long  
14 scholarship program. [~~The rules shall be adopted pursuant to~~  
15 ~~chapter 91 but shall be exempt from the public notice and public~~  
16 ~~hearing requirements.~~]"

17 SECTION 7. Section 304A-2601, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 "[+]§304A-2601[+] **Parking; control by board of regents.**

20 (a) The board of regents may [~~make rules governing~~] regulate  
21 the traffic and parking conditions on the roadways and other  
22 areas under the jurisdiction of the university.

23 (b) The board may:

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- 1 (1) Assess fees for parking on roadways and in the parking
- 2 areas under the jurisdiction of the university;
- 3 (2) Install parking meters on roadways and in parking
- 4 areas; and
- 5 (3) [~~Make rules relating to the assessments of~~] Assess
- 6 fees for parking and the installation of parking
- 7 meters. The [~~rules shall be adopted pursuant to~~
- 8 ~~chapter 91.~~] regulations shall be adopted at an open
- 9 public meeting subject to the requirements of chapter
- 10 92.

11 The fees shall be deposited in the university parking  
 12 revolving fund established under section [§]304A-2275[§].

13 (c) For the purposes of this subpart, parking facilities  
 14 shall be considered university projects, and the board shall  
 15 possess all powers conferred by [§]subpart D[§]."

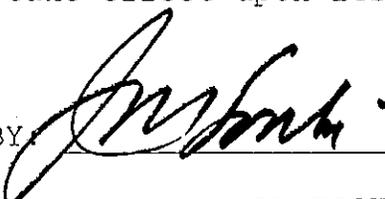
16 SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

University of Hawaii; Rulemaking; Adoption of Regulations

**Description:**

Exempt certain adoption of regulations by the University of Hawaii from chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes; require certain adoption of regulations by the University of Hawaii be subject to chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: University of Hawaii

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RULEMAKING.

PURPOSE: Align the processes to which the Board of Regents for the University of Hawaii conducts its business to consistently fall under the "open meeting" process under the Sunshine Law under Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, rather than by the "rule making" process under Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for matters internal to the University. This will ensure consistency among sections of chapter 304A and thus reduce uncertainty among other agencies and the general public when it comes to adoption of policy and procedures at the University of Hawaii.

MEANS: Amend sections 304A-105(a), 304A-402, 304A-604, 304A-2160, 304A-2353(d), 304A-2354(d), and 304A-2601, HRS.

JUSTIFICATION: Under the framework established by chapter 91 concerning public "rules", a state agency is allowed to issue regulations concerning its internal management without having to follow various requirements for adopting public rules, such as public notice, public hearing, and gubernatorial approval. Currently, there is a lack of consistency between the use of chapter 91 procedures and chapter 92 procedures as written in some sections of chapter 304A for matters internal to the University. This proposal continues to maintain the public's opportunity --including members of the university community such as students, faculty, and staff-- to observe and comment in an open meeting, but makes the use of

chapter 91 procedures more uniform throughout Chapter 304A.

Chapter 92 requires that the public be given advance notice when the Board intends to meet, that the public be given the opportunity to submit written or oral testimony on any item on the meeting agenda, that the Board deliberate and decide issues in an open meeting for public observation, except for those circumstances where an executive session closed to the public is permitted, and that the Board maintain public written minutes of its meetings. As Board meetings concerning proposed internal regulations are conducted pursuant to part I of chapter 92, the public is given ample opportunity to comment on proposed regulations.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies:  
The proposed amendments will ensure consistency among sections of chapter 304A and thus reduce uncertainty. Authorizing the University to adopt regulations pursuant to part I of chapter 92 will allow the University to create and update its internal management regulations in a more timely and responsive manner while maintaining public transparency.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: UOH-900, UOH-800, UOH-700, UOH-210, UOH-100

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.