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President

December 14, 2016

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Joseph Souki, Speaker  
and Members of the House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, the University of Hawai'i is transmitting one copy of the Annual Report on the Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund (Section 304A-2159, Hawai'i Revised Statutes) as requested by the Legislature.

In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, this report may be viewed electronically at: <http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/government-relations/2017-legislative-reports/>.

Should you have any questions about this report, please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Kim at 956-4250, or via e-mail at [scskim@hawaii.edu](mailto:scskim@hawaii.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David".

David Lassner  
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Enclosure

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# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT



## REPORT TO THE 2017 LEGISLATURE

Annual Report on  
the Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund

HRS 304A-2159

November 2016

Annual Report to the 2017 Hawai'i State Legislature on  
The Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund, FY 2016  
HRS 304A-2159

Act 138, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2004, established the Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund to provide financial assistance to qualified students enrolled at any campus of the University of Hawai'i. Revenues deposited into this fund shall include state, federal and private funds, and funds transferred by the University from the tuition and fees special fund pursuant to section 304A-2153, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), as well as state funds for scholarship programs.

The University has transferred the appropriated funds for the State of Hawai'i B Plus Scholarship program into the Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund. For the 2015-16 academic year, the University paid \$2,982,021 assisting 1,442 Hawai'i public high school graduates who met the criteria for the scholarship.

There were no funds appropriated for the Hawai'i state scholars program (section 304A-504, HRS) or workforce development scholarship program (section 304A-505, HRS).

Annual Report to the 2017 Hawai'i State Legislature on  
Tuition Exemptions (formerly tuition waivers), Tuition Revenue Scholarships,  
And Non-Resident Tuition Differentials, FY 2016

Act 161 (1995), Act 237 (1996), HRS sections 304A-501 and 304A-502 authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i to grant, modify and suspend previous legislatively mandated tuition waivers as well as to establish new ones.

Per earlier annual reports on tuition waivers submitted to the Hawai'i State Legislature, the structure of the tuition waiver program changed significantly in FY08. The majority of financial assistance awarded to students is now given as grants and scholarships.

With this structure in mind, in 2015-16, \$30,268,167 in tuition exemptions were awarded representing tuition dollars waived. A total of 3,224 students system-wide received full or partial exemption of tuition charges in the following categories: Native Hawaiians students, employees of the University (employee, spouses or domestic partner), graduate assistants, and other special talent individuals.

As part of its commitment to returning tuition revenue collected for financial assistance to students, the University awarded 17,701 students system-wide in scholarships totaling \$49,022,498 in 2015-2016. These tuition revenue scholarships were awarded to students with financial need as well as for merit purposes including high academic scholarship, Regents & Presidential Scholars, highly qualified international students from the Asian Pacific region, and qualified students from certain Pacific Island jurisdictions.

In 2015-16, an additional \$64,329,524 in non-resident tuition differentials were waived for 8,243 non-residents in such categories as the following: East-West Center student grantees pursuing baccalaureate or advanced degrees; United States military personnel stationed in Hawai'i on active duty, and their authorized dependents during the period that the personnel are stationed in Hawai'i; Members of the Hawai'i National Guard and the Hawai'i Reserves; Native Hawaiians whose domicile is outside of Hawai'i; Employees of the university, their spouses, and their dependents; Veterans and individuals eligible to use GI Bill or Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty educational benefits; individuals with special talents and/or unique skills who will make a significant contribution to campus life; institutional agreements with the Pacific Islands; student exchange, and Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE). Tuition revenues from these non-resident students was \$70,877,540.