# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Allowing the University of Hawaii to issue
- 2 revenue bonds helps to address the university's deferred
- 3 maintenance and capital modernization of its aging facilities.
- 4 University revenue bonds have been used to finance the
- 5 construction of new projects as well as the renovation and major
- 6 repair of existing facilities. University projects have
- 7 included faculty and student housing; additional classroom,
- 8 laboratory, and office space; research facilities, utility
- 9 facilities, and other infrastructure requirements; libraries;
- 10 student support facilities; parking structures; and athletic
- 11 facilities.
- 12 State financing support of university facilities is the
- 13 primary method of funding Hawaii's public university. The State
- 14 and the university have always considered general obligation
- 15 bonds as the first approach and means to finance the
- 16 modernization of the university's campuses. The availability of
- 17 revenue bonds authority would be a strategic revenue source and

- 1 supplement to limited general obligation bond funding and only
- 2 used for financing projects that are revenue-generating or
- 3 financially appropriate for the university.
- 4 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the University of
- 5 Hawaii to issue revenue bonds to complete as many of its
- 6 priority capital facility construction, renovation,
- 7 modernization, and repair projects as possible.
- 8 SECTION 2. The board of regents of the University of
- 9 Hawaii, with the approval of the governor and the legislature,
- 10 through concurrent resolution, is authorized to issue revenue
- 11 bonds from time to time to finance, in whole or in part, the
- 12 costs of construction or the costs of maintenance of any
- 13 university project, including funding reserves therefor as the
- 14 board of regents may direct. The total principal amount of the
- 15 revenue bonds authorized by this Act shall not exceed
- 16 \$ ; provided that neither revenue bonds issued to
- 17 refund revenue bonds heretofore issued, to the extent that such
- 18 refunding revenue bonds do not exceed the principal amount of
- 19 the revenue bonds being refunded, nor revenue bonds of the board
- 20 outstanding at the effective date of this Act shall cause the
- 21 amount of the above authorization to be decreased. The revenue

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- 1 bonds shall be issued pursuant to the provisions of part VI of
- 2 chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The principal and
- 3 interest on the revenue bonds, to the extent not paid from the
- 4 proceeds of such bonds, shall be paid solely from and secured
- 5 solely by the revenue of the university as defined in section
- 6 304A-2671, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- 7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the revenue bond
- 8 proceeds and interest earned thereon authorized by this Act the
- 9 sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for
- 10 fiscal year 2018-2019 to carry out the purposes of section 2 of
- 11 this Act; provided that any unexpended and unencumbered balance
- 12 of the appropriation shall not lapse at the end of fiscal year
- 13 2018-2019 and shall lapse instead on June 30, 2020.
- 14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the board of
- 15 regents of the University of Hawaii.
- 16 SECTION 4. The University of Hawaii shall notify the
- 17 legislature upon issue of the revenue bonds authorized by
- 18 section 2 of this Act, including a detailed listing and
- 19 description of all projects to be funded through the revenue
- 20 bonds authorized pursuant to this Act.

1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.

### Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Authorization of Revenue Bonds; Appropriation

## Description:

Authorizes the University of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing the construction and maintenance of qualifying capital improvement projects. Takes effect on 7/1/2112. (SD1)

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