
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STUDENT FEES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that University of Hawaii
2 students at the Manoa and West Oahu campuses have come to rely
3 on the transportation benefits provided by student fees, like
4 discounted bus passes and shuttle services. Transportation fees
5 began as a student-led initiative, reflecting its high priority
6 among the student body. In addition to tuition, books, and
7 living expenses, students at these campuses are required to pay
8 additional fees for transportation and student activities,
9 increasing the cost of college attendance.

10 The legislature also finds that mandatory student fees at
11 the University of Hawaii continue to rise and place a larger
12 financial burden on students. In fiscal year 2017, student fees
13 paid for approximately \$2.5 million of the transportation
14 services. Because the transportation benefit is indispensable
15 to many students at the University of Hawaii Manoa and West Oahu
16 campuses, the legislature finds that students should not have to
17 pay out-of-pocket for this benefit.



7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to
10 pay for the portion of transportation cost that is paid for by
11 student fees at the University of Hawaii Manoa and West Oahu
12 campuses.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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H.B. NO. 2623

Report Title:

Appropriation; University of Hawaii

Description:

Makes an appropriation to the University of Hawaii to offset the cost of mandatory student fees that go to transportation benefits.

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