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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIPS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 304A-504, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3           "(b) Appropriations for the state scholars program shall  
4 be deposited into the [†]University of Hawaii scholarship and  
5 assistance special fund[†] established pursuant to section  
6 [†]304A-2159[†]. The number of scholarships awarded and amount  
7 of each scholarship shall be determined by the university  
8 subject to the availability of funds.

9           The University of Hawaii shall offer scholarships to pay  
10 for educational costs, such as tuition, fees, books, housing,  
11 and other educational costs; provided that the scholarship  
12 applicant:

- 13           (1) Is a bona fide resident of the State, for tuition  
14                 purposes, at the time of admission to the university;
- 15           (2) Presents evidence of academic excellence by meeting  
16                 one or more of the following:



- 1 (A) Graduation from a public or private high school
- 2 in the State as a valedictorian of the
- 3 applicant's class;
- 4 (B) Has a cumulative high school grade point average
- 5 of 4.0 as determined for admission to the
- 6 university; [~~or~~]
- 7 (C) Has achieved a test score on a standardized
- 8 college admission test recognized and accepted by
- 9 the university for admission consideration, such
- 10 as SAT or ACT, that places the student among the
- 11 top ten percentile of students taking the test
- 12 nationwide; or
- 13 (D) Earned a high school diploma from a public high
- 14 school in the State with a cumulative grade point
- 15 average of 3.0 as determined for admission to the
- 16 university, if the student provides evidence that
- 17 the student qualified for and received special
- 18 education services for two or more years during
- 19 enrollment in grades seven through twelve;
- 20 (3) Enrolls at a University of Hawaii system campus within
- 21 eighteen months of graduating from high school; and



1 (4) Maintains satisfactory progress toward degree  
2 completion and a cumulative 3.0 grade point average."

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Scholarships; Special Education Students; UH; State Scholars Program

**Description:**

Allows applicants to the University of Hawaii who earned a high school diploma from a public high school in the State with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and also provides evidence that they qualified for and received special education services for two or more years during enrollment in grades seven through twelve to be eligible for the Hawaii state scholars program.  
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