

JAN 27 2021

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PAROLE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The University of Hawaii shall establish a
2 parolee higher education access pilot program. The pilot
3 program shall allow paroled prisoners to take up to twelve
4 semester credits at any campus in the University of Hawaii
5 system free of charge; provided that:

6 (1) The Hawaii parole authority, as a condition of the
7 prisoner's parole or supervised release, permits such
8 activity;

9 (2) The prisoner does not violate the terms or conditions
10 of parole or supervised release, any law of the State,
11 or any rule of the Hawaii paroling authority; and

12 (3) The courses are applied for within five years after
13 the paroled prisoner is released from a correctional
14 institution.

15 SECTION 2. The University of Hawaii shall submit a written
16 report on the progress of the parolee higher education access
17 pilot program, including any proposed legislation, to the



1 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the regular session of 2026. The report shall address but shall
3 not be limited to:

4 (1) The number of pilot program participants who attended
5 college classes per semester;

6 (2) The number of pilot program participants enrolled in
7 college classes for credit per semester;

8 (3) The amount of foregone tuition revenue per semester;
9 and

10 (4) The number of credits attained because of the pilot
11 program.

12 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and
15 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
16 year 2022-2023 for the administration and tuition costs of the
17 parolee higher education access pilot program.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
19 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021, and
2 shall be repealed on June 1, 2025.

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S.B. NO. 952

Report Title:

Parolees; Higher Education; University of Hawaii; Appropriations

Description:

Establishes a parolee higher education pilot program that allows parolees to take classes up to twelve semester credits at no charge to the parolee; provided that the classes are taken within five years after release from a correctional institution and provided further that the parolee does not break or violate the terms of parole and other laws. Sunsets June 1, 2025.

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