
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESIDENT TUITION FEE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that facilitating
2 postsecondary education and training for all interested high
3 school graduates serves the State's interest and that this Act,
4 therefore, is a law of statewide concern. Postsecondary options
5 assist graduates by preparing them for jobs and career pathways
6 that typically pay higher wages, which enable them to achieve
7 their educational and career goals and afford the State's high
8 cost of living. Increased enrollment and completion of
9 postsecondary education and training will increase the State's
10 human capital.

11 The legislature further finds that the University of Hawaii
12 amended its administrative rules to streamline the enrollment
13 process for all applicants for admission into the University of
14 Hawaii system; however, the existing statutory requirements
15 regarding residency for tuition purposes pose challenges for
16 some local graduating high school seniors or recent graduates.
17 Specifically, some students experiencing homelessness have



1 difficulty providing evidence of bona fide residency as required
2 by statute, and students who have complex family situations may
3 be incorrectly considered nonresidents. The legislature further
4 finds that recognizing local high school graduates as residents
5 to qualify for resident tuition fees would facilitate the
6 enrollment of these students at one of the University of
7 Hawaii's campuses.

8 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to simplify the
9 residency determination for the State's high school graduates to
10 enroll in postsecondary education and training at the University
11 of Hawaii by considering graduates of the State's high schools
12 to be residents for tuition purposes.

13 SECTION 2. Section 304A-402, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "~~§~~304A-402~~§~~ **Residence for tuition purposes; basic**
16 **rule.** The board of regents shall adopt the necessary rules
17 defining residence for tuition purposes herein; provided that
18 the basic rule shall be that a student shall qualify for the
19 resident tuition fee only if the following criteria are met:

20 (1) The adult student, or in the case of a minor student,
21 the student's parents or guardians~~[-has]~~:



1 meet the criteria [~~set forth~~] described in
2 [~~paragraph (1)-.~~] subparagraph (A); or
3 (2) Graduated from high school in the State within ten
4 years preceding the student's first day of officially
5 scheduled instruction for any semester or term in
6 which the student is enrolling at the particular
7 college or campus; provided further that the adult or
8 minor student shall enroll or is enrolled in an
9 undergraduate degree program."

10 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Residence for Tuition Purposes

Description:

Requires the University of Hawaii to grant resident tuition fees for enrollment at any University of Hawaii campus to individuals who have graduated from a Hawaii high school and are enrolling in an undergraduate degree program, under certain conditions. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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