THE SENATE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 2602 S.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE GENERAL FUND.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that continuing shifts in federal policy are creating significant and widespread challenges in the State and across the nation. These federal changes, combined with broader economic trends, are expected to affect the State's fiscal stability in the near future. Reductions in federal funding and uncertainty regarding future federal grant programs require the State to be prepared to assume the financial responsibility for critical programs that currently rely on federal support.

The legislature further finds that in periods of economic uncertainty, it is a matter of statewide concern pursuant to article X, section 6, of the Hawaii State Constitution, for the State to maintain the ability to fund important programs with moneys that are not immediately needed elsewhere.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to transfer excess moneys from the university of Hawaii tuition and fees special fund to the general fund.

SECTION 2. Section 304A-2153, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:

"(g) At the end of each fiscal year, the moneys in the university of Hawaii tuition and fees special fund for each campus shall lapse to the credit of [~~program identification number UOH900 (university of Hawaii, system-wide support).~~] the general fund."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:
UH; Tuition and Fees; General Fund; Lapse

Description:
Requires that excess funds in the University of Hawaii Tuition and Fees Special Fund at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse to the credit of the general fund. (SD1)

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