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JAN 28 2026

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is necessary to
2 allow the university of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds to help
3 address the university's capital facility needs. The
4 construction of new projects and the renovation, modernization,
5 and major repair of existing facilities have included, and will
6 continue to include, faculty and student housings, additional
7 classrooms, laboratories, offices, research facilities, utility
8 facilities, libraries, student support facilities, athletic
9 facilities, and other infrastructure requirements.

10 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the board of
11 regents of the university of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds to
12 complete as many of its priority capital facility construction,
13 renovation, modernization, and repair projects as possible.

14 SECTION 2. The board of regents of the university of
15 Hawaii, with the approval of the governor, is authorized to
16 issue revenue bonds from time to time to finance, in whole or in
17 part, the costs of construction or the costs of maintenance and
18 modernization, or both, of any university project, any

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1 university system, or any network or combination thereof,
2 including reserves therefor as the board of regents may direct.
3 The total principal amount of the revenue bonds authorized by
4 this Act shall not exceed \$; provided that neither
5 revenue bonds issued to refund revenue bonds heretofore issued,
6 to the extent that the refunding revenue bonds do not exceed the
7 principal amount of the revenue bonds being refunded, nor
8 revenue bonds of the board outstanding at the effective date of
9 this Act shall cause the amount of the above authorization to be
10 decreased. The revenue bonds shall be issued pursuant to part
11 VI of chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The principal and
12 interest on the revenue bonds, to the extent not paid from the
13 proceeds of the bonds, shall be paid solely from and secured
14 solely by the revenue of the university as defined in section
15 304A-2671, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the revenue bond
17 proceeds and interest earned thereon authorized by this Act the
18 sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for
19 fiscal year 2026-2027 to carry out the purposes of section 2 of
20 this Act; provided that any unexpended and unencumbered balance
21 of the appropriation shall not lapse at the end of fiscal year
22 2026-2027 and shall lapse instead on June 30, 2031.

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1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the board of
2 regents of the university of Hawaii.

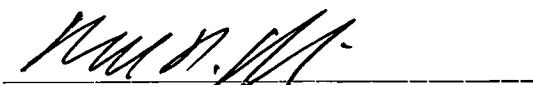
3 SECTION 4. The university of Hawaii shall notify the
4 legislature upon the issuance of the revenue bonds authorized by
5 section 2 of this Act, including a detailed list and description
6 of all projects to be funded through the revenue bonds
7 authorized by this Act. This section constitutes a law of
8 statewide concern under article X, section 6, of the
9 Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

10 SECTION 5. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect
11 on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

UH; Board of Regents; Authorization of Revenue Bonds; Capital Improvement Projects

Description:

Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing qualifying priority capital improvement projects.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: University of Hawaii

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS.

PURPOSE: To authorize the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing the University's qualifying priority capital improvement projects.

MEANS: Establish authorization in session laws.

JUSTIFICATION: Authorizing the Board of Regents of the University to issue revenue bonds is necessary to enable the University to continue addressing its capital facility needs, including new project construction, modernization, and the major repair and maintenance backlog.

Impact on the public: The enactment of the bill is expected to have minimal financial impact to the public since the University does not anticipate committing or dedicating any general tax receipts to the payment of the University's revenue bonds. It is not currently contemplated that "non-university" revenues would be requested to support the repayment of the University's revenue bonds. University revenues are moneys generated through fees and charges imposed for the goods and services provided by the University. The University's revenue bonds will be payable only from University revenues as defined in section 304A-2671, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Impact on the department and other agencies: The enactment of the bill will provide the University with the ability to obtain additional funding to help address its capital facility needs, including new project construction, modernization, and the major repair and maintenance backlog. The

bill will require continued budgetary diligence by the University.

GENERAL FUND:

None.

OTHER FUNDS:

University's revenue bonds. There is no present expectation of requesting other moneys.

PPBS PROGRAM

DESIGNATION:

UOH-100, UOH-110, UOH-115, UOH-210, UOH-700, UOH-800, and UOH-900.

OTHER AFFECTED

AGENCIES:

Office of the Governor; Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Accounting and General Services.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

July 1, 2026.