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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the university of  
2 Hawaii system is experiencing sustained enrollment declines,  
3 demographic shifts, workforce shortages, and increasing fiscal  
4 pressures and this is a matter of statewide concern pursuant to  
5 article X, section 6, of the Hawaii State Constitution, that  
6 requires careful stewardship of public higher education  
7 resources.

8           The legislature further finds that informed institutional  
9 planning and rightsizing require transparent, consistent, and  
10 comparable data on academic programs, including student demand,  
11 completion, cost, and post-graduation outcomes. While the  
12 university of Hawaii conducts internal program reviews, the  
13 availability and consistency of program-level data across  
14 campuses varies and is not readily accessible to students,  
15 policymakers, or the public.

16           The purpose of this Act is to improve transparency and data  
17 availability to support evidence-based institutional planning,



1 program review, and rightsizing of the university of Hawaii  
2 system, while respecting the constitutional authority of the  
3 board of regents over internal structure, management, and  
4 operation of the university.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by adding a new section to part I, subpart A, to be  
7 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

8 **"§304A- Program level transparency; requirements;**  
9 **dashboard.** (a) The university of Hawaii shall annually  
10 collect, maintain, and publish standardized program-level data  
11 for each academic program offered systemwide, including but not  
12 limited to data in the following categories:

- 13 (1) Student demand and production, including:
- 14 (A) Number of declared majors or participants;
- 15 (B) Enrollment headcount and student credit hours;
- 16 and
- 17 (C) Number of degrees or certificates awarded,  
18 reported as five-year trend data;
- 19 (2) Student success, including:
- 20 (A) Retention within the program;
- 21 (B) Completion rates; and



- 1            (C) Median time to degree award or completion;
- 2        (3) Cost and capacity, including:
- 3            (A) Instructional cost per student credit hour;
- 4            (B) Instructional cost per degree or certificate
- 5                    awarded;
- 6            (C) The number of full-time equivalent faculty
- 7                    assigned to the program; and
- 8            (D) Average class size and course section fill rates;
- 9                    and
- 10        (4) Post-completion outcomes, including where available:
- 11            (A) Employment status and median earnings;
- 12            (B) Enrollment in further education;
- 13            (C) Licensure or certification pass rates, if
- 14                    applicable; and
- 15            (D) Transfer outcomes for community college programs.
- 16        (b) All data shall be reported in a manner that protects
- 17 student privacy and complies with applicable state and federal
- 18 law.
- 19        (c) The university of Hawaii shall maintain a publicly
- 20 accessible, systemwide online dashboard that presents the



1 program-level data required under subsection (a). The online  
2 dashboard shall:

3 (1) Allow users to search and compare programs by campus,  
4 degree level, and field of study;

5 (2) Include historical trend data where available; and

6 (3) Provide downloadable datasets for public use.

7 (d) The university of Hawaii shall incorporate the  
8 program-level data published pursuant to subsection (a) into the  
9 board of regents existing academic program review, planning, and  
10 prioritization processes.

11 (e) Beginning December 31, 2026, the university of Hawaii  
12 shall submit an annual report to the legislature regarding:

13 (1) Systemwide trends in enrollment, degree completion,  
14 cost, and outcomes;

15 (2) The number of academic programs undergoing program  
16 review;

17 (3) General categories of actions taken or planned as a  
18 result of program review; and

19 (4) How data informed institutional decision-making,  
20 including but not limited to decisions to continue,



1           redesign, consolidate, suspend, or terminate academic  
2           programs.

3 The report shall focus on systemwide planning and transparency  
4 and shall not identify individual students or personnel."

5           SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

6           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 31, 2055.



**Report Title:**

UH; Program Level Transparency; Online Dashboard; Reports

**Description:**

Requires the University of Hawaii System to collect, maintain, and publish standardized program-level data for each academic program offered. Requires maintenance of an online dashboard with program-level data. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. Effective 7/31/2055. (SD1)

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