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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 operates a geographically dispersed system of campuses  
3 that serve diverse student populations across the State,  
4 including recent high school graduates, adult learners,  
5 workforce trainees, graduate and professional students, and  
6 students from neighbor islands and rural communities.

7           The legislature further finds that Hawaii is experiencing  
8 significant demographic change, including declining numbers of  
9 traditional college-age students, increasing numbers of adult  
10 and returning learners, and evolving workforce demands in  
11 critical fields such as health care, education, energy, and  
12 technology. These trends are reshaping enrollment patterns  
13 across the university of Hawaii system and placing new and  
14 uneven demands on instructional space, laboratories, clinical  
15 training facilities, research infrastructure, and student  
16 housing.



1           The legislature additionally finds that the cost,  
2 availability, and configuration of student housing directly  
3 affect access to higher education, student retention and  
4 completion, and the university's ability to train a workforce  
5 that meets the State's needs. At the same time, long-term  
6 facilities and housing planning must account for fiscal  
7 constraints, land use considerations, capital improvement  
8 timelines, and opportunities for innovative financing and  
9 partnerships.

10           The legislature recognizes that while the university of  
11 Hawaii has engaged in campus-level planning efforts, there is  
12 value in a coordinated, systemwide approach that aligns  
13 facilities and student housing planning with enrollment  
14 projections, workforce priorities, and capital planning  
15 processes, particularly during a period of demographic and  
16 economic transition. As such, this is a matter of statewide  
17 concern pursuant to article X, section 6, of the Hawaii State  
18 Constitution.

19           The purpose of this Act is to require the university of  
20 Hawaii to develop and maintain a comprehensive, systemwide  
21 facilities and student housing master plan to support the



1 university's academic, research, and workforce development  
2 missions while also being responsive to changes to demographic,  
3 enrollment, and labor market trends.

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

7 "§304A- Facilities and student housing master plan. (a)  
8 Beginning , the university shall develop and maintain  
9 a statewide facilities and student housing master plan that  
10 supports the academic, research, and workforce development  
11 missions of the university and reflects changing demographic,  
12 enrollment, and labor market trends.

13 (b) The master plan shall, at a minimum, include:

14 (1) Enrollment and demographic analysis, including:

15 (A) Systemwide and campus-level enrollment trends and  
16 projections;

17 (B) Shifts in student composition, including  
18 increases or decreases in adult learners,  
19 part-time students, graduate and professional  
20 students, and workforce-focused learners; and



- 1            (C) Implications of these trends for instructional
- 2            space, training facilities, and housing demand;
- 3        (2) Facilities assessment, including:
- 4            (A) An inventory of existing instructional,
- 5            laboratory, clinical, research, and support
- 6            facilities across the university system;
- 7            (B) Identification of facilities constraints or gaps
- 8            that may affect academic programs, workforce
- 9            training, or research activities; and
- 10          (C) Consideration of the condition, utilization, and
- 11          adaptability of existing facilities;
- 12        (3) Student housing needs analysis, including:
- 13          (A) Current and projected housing demand by campus
- 14          and student population, including first-year
- 15          students, neighbor island students, graduate and
- 16          professional students, and short-term or
- 17          workforce program participants;
- 18          (B) Evaluation of different housing typologies,
- 19          including traditional residence halls, graduate
- 20          or family housing, short-term or modular housing,
- 21          and other flexible housing models; and



- 1            (C) Assessment of how housing availability and
- 2            affordability affect student access, retention,
- 3            and completion;
  
- 4            (4) Alignment with workforce and academic priorities,
- 5            including:
  
- 6            (A) Identification of facilities and housing
- 7            considerations related to high-priority workforce
- 8            areas, including health care, education, and
- 9            other in-demand fields;
  
- 10           (B) Consideration of how facilities and housing
- 11           planning supports partnerships with hospitals,
- 12           clinics, employers, and community organizations;
- 13           and
  
- 14           (C) Integration with short-term workforce education
- 15           and training programs offered by the university;
- 16           and
  
- 17           (5) Capital planning and financing considerations,
- 18           including:
  
- 19           (A) Identification of potential capital improvement
- 20           priorities related to facilities and student
- 21           housing;



- 1           (B) Discussion of phasing, sequencing, and timing  
2           considerations;
- 3           (C) Overview of potential financing approaches,  
4           including public-private partnerships, lease  
5           arrangements, or other innovative models, as  
6           appropriate; and
- 7           (D) Alignment with the university's existing capital  
8           improvement planning processes.
- 9           (c) The university shall update the master plan no less  
10          frequently than once every five years to reflect updated data,  
11          projections, and institutional priorities. The university may  
12          update the master plan on a more frequent basis if the  
13          university deems an update is appropriate.
- 14          (d) The university shall submit the master plan, and any  
15          updates thereto, to the legislature no later than twenty days  
16          prior to the convening of the regular session following  
17          completion of the master plan or any update to the master plan.
- 18          (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to:
- 19          (1) Require the construction of any specific facility or  
20          housing project;



- 1        (2) Mandate the expansion or reduction of student housing  
2            at any university campus;
- 3        (3) Limit the authority of the university to manage its  
4            facilities, housing, or capital planning decisions; or
- 5        (4) Create any entitlement to funding or capital  
6            appropriations."

7        SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

8        SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 31, 2050.



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S.D. 1

**Report Title:**

University of Hawaii System; Facilities and Student Housing;  
Master Plan; Reports

**Description:**

Requires the University of Hawaii to develop a facilities and student housing master plan. Requires reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)

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