

A Bill for an Act Relating to Powers of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 310, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding three new sections to be appropriately designated and to read:

“Sec. 310- Placement of students. The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education is authorized to act on behalf of this State in making arrangements for the placement of students in institutions and programs of higher learning outside the States which are parties to the compact for establishing the commission. For that purpose, the commission may negotiate and enter into arrangements and contracts with this State or any appropriate agency thereof, with public and private educational institutions and agencies, and with States and other governmental entities. Such arrangements and contracts may provide for the obtaining of one or more places for students on either a special or continuing basis; the payment of partial or full tuition and other charges; and the furnishing of reciprocal, compensating or other advantages and benefits in support of the educational program involved.

“Sec. 310- Payment of costs. The authority conferred by section 310- shall be exercised only pursuant to written agreement between the commission and an agency of this State having responsibility for or duties with respect to programs for assisting residents of this State to obtain higher education. Any such agreement shall include provisions for the payment of tuition and any other costs, and no such agreement shall be made which commits this State or any agency or officer thereof to any obligation for which funds have not been appropriated or otherwise made available in accordance with law.

“Sec. 310- Obligations under compact not impaired. Nothing contained in sections 310- and 310- shall be construed to alter any of the obligations or restrict or impair any of the rights which this State may have under the compact establishing the commission.”

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 28, 1971.)