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S.B. NO. 1536-74

A Bill for an Act Relating to Financial Aids at the University of Hawaii.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this act is to increase the number of board of regents tuition waivers and scholarships available to students in the university of Hawaii system.

SECTION 2. Section 304-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 304-4 Powers of regents; official name. The board of regents shall have the general management and control of the affairs of the university. It may appoint a treasurer and such other officers as it deems necessary. It may authorize any officers elected or appointed by it to approve and sign on its behalf any voucher or other document which the board may approve

and sign. It may purchase or otherwise acquire lands, buildings, appliances, and other property for the purposes of the university and expend such sums of money as may be from time to time placed at the disposal of the university from whatever source. All lands, buildings, appliances, and other property so purchased or acquired shall be and remain the property of the university to be used in perpetuity for the benefit of the university.

The board may charge a resident tuition fee of not less than \$170 per academic year for regular courses of instruction; at any university of Hawaii campus that grants baccalaureate degrees and not less than \$30 per academic year for regular courses of instruction at any college in the system of community colleges; provided that the tuition fee for nonresident students, both undergraduate and graduate, shall be not less than four times the tuition fee for resident students, but in no event less than \$680. The board may also charge other fees for programs of instruction, as well as laboratory fees or course fees or fees for student activities, each of which shall be the same for resident and nonresident students. The board may charge other fees for summer session or evening courses, including differential fees for nonresident students. The nonresident tuition differential shall not be applicable to nonresident students who were enrolled at the university during the fall or spring semester of 1968-1969 school year, as long as the nonresident students continue to be enrolled at the university as regular students during the next and subsequent academic years, except where such continued enrollment is prevented for good cause as may be determined by the board of regents, nor to nonresident students who are residents of a state or foreign country which permits Hawaii residents to pay resident tuition fees while attending public institutions of higher learning in such state or foreign country, not to nonresidents, United States military personnel stationed in Hawaii on active duty and their authorized dependents during the period such personnel are stationed in the State, nor to students from any district, commonwealth, territory, or insular jurisdiction, state or nation which does not provide public institutions of higher learning, nor to employees of the university, their spouses and dependents. The board may waive entirely or reduce the tuition fee or any of the other fees for any students, resident or nonresident, who are well qualified or in need of financial assistance, not exceeding 600 in number, which shall be counted as part of the quota of financial aids allocable to the baccalaureate campuses in the system. The board may waive entirely or reduce the tuition fee or any of the other fees for graduate teaching and research assistants. The board may enter into agreements with government and university officials of any other state or foreign country to provide for reciprocal waiver of the nonresident tuition differential.

The board shall adopt the necessary rules and regulations defining residence for tuition purposes herein; provided that the basic rules shall be that adult and minor students are resident students if the adult students, or in the case of minor students, their parents or guardians, have been bona fide residents of the State for at least twelve consecutive months next preceding their first registration at the university.

The official name of the board shall be board of regents, university of Hawaii, and the board shall adopt and use a common seal by which all official acts shall be authenticated.”

SECTION 3. Section 304-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**Sec. 304-15 Scholarships.** The board of regents shall each year award scholarships to well qualified students. Of the scholarships available each year, 85% shall be known as Hawaii State Scholarships and shall be awarded to well qualified full-time students in such necessitous circumstances that in the judgment of the university they would otherwise be unable to attend the university, a college, or a community college; 15% shall be known as Hawaii merit scholarships and shall be awarded to either full-time or part-time students who are well qualified. To qualify for such a scholarship, a student must be a bona fide resident of the State for the five consecutive years immediately preceding the term for which a scholarship is desired. The board of regents may adopt the necessary rules and regulations defining bona fide resident.”

SECTION 4. Section 304-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**Sec. 304-17 Number and allocation of financial aids.** ‘Financial aid’ as used in this section, means the tuition waivers authorized in section 304-4 and the scholarships authorized in section 304-15. A financial aid unit shall consist of a tuition waiver or scholarship awarded for the regular academic year or a semester thereof, and providing full coverage of tuition and other fees as authorized by the board. The board shall have the power to divide a Hawaii merit scholarship among two or more part-time students or among students whose financial need will not substantiate a full scholarship. The total units of State financial aid in any given academic year shall not exceed the following:

- (1) In 1971 six percent of the total full-time undergraduate enrollment in the previous September;
- (2) In 1972 seven percent of the total full-time undergraduate enrollment in the previous September;
- (3) In 1973 eight percent of the total full-time undergraduate enrollment in the previous September;
- (4) In 1974 eleven percent of the total full-time undergraduate enrollment in the previous September;
- (5) In 1975 and in each and every year thereafter thirteen percent of the total full-time undergraduate enrollment in the previous September;
- (6) Except that the projected enrollment for each entering class of a new campus shall be calculated as part of its full-time undergraduate enrollment until such campus shall have graduated its first class.

The allocation of the total number of units of financial aid shall be adjusted annually, based upon the ratio between full-time undergraduate students

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enrolled in the baccalaureate system and in the community college system.

Scholarships awarded to students in the college transfer programs in the community colleges shall be continued upon their transfer into baccalaureate programs provided they continue to qualify, with the scholarship then to count against the quota for the baccalaureate degree granting campus. Each Hawaii State scholarship shall be granted for a period of one academic year, and may be renewed each year for all recipients who maintain a satisfactory standard of scholarship and deportment, and who continue to demonstrate financial need. The board may re-award to a new recipient the unused portion of a Hawaii State scholarship if the original awardee has left school, or for some reason ceases to remain qualified to receive financial aid. Each Hawaii merit scholarship shall be granted for the period of one semester and may be renewed. No student shall receive State scholarship grants for a period longer than four academic years while pursuing a professional or advanced degree, bachelor's degree, associate degree or a certificate as the case may be."

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 6, 1974.)