

ACT 137

S.B. NO. 243

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

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding four new sections to part VII, subpart D, to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§304A-A Definitions. As used in this subpart, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

“Commission” means the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

“Hawaii commission” means the Hawaii western interstate commission for higher education established under section 304A-B.

“Hawaii commissioners” means the members of the Hawaii western interstate commission for higher education.

§304A-B Hawaii western interstate commission for higher education. (a) There is established within the University of Hawaii for administrative purposes only the Hawaii western interstate commission for higher education comprised of the state commissioners to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, established under Article III of the Western Regional Education Compact.

(b) The members of the Hawaii commission shall be the commissioners appointed by the governor to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education pursuant to section 304A-3204. The positions of the Hawaii commissioners shall be placed within the University of Hawaii for administrative purposes.

§304A-C Professional student exchange program; repayment policy. The Hawaii commission may establish a repayment policy for students who receive any financial support from funds appropriated by the legislature for the Hawaii professional student exchange program of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

§304A-D Professional student exchange program special fund. (a) There is established a professional student exchange program special fund to be administered and expended by the Hawaii commission.

- (b) The following moneys shall be deposited into the special fund:
- (1) Principal and interest payments received as repayment of financial support from former or current participants of the professional student exchange program, pursuant to section 304A-C; and
 - (2) Interest earned or accrued on moneys in the special fund.
- (c) Moneys in the special fund shall be expended to:
- (1) Support the professional student exchange program's activities, including the provision of financial support to participants at Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education receiver institutions; and
 - (2) Enforce the collection of delinquent obligations."

SECTION 2. Section 304A-3205, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"~~§304A-3205~~ **Expenditures; reports.** Expenditures by the Hawaii commission, including the amounts fixed annually as the equal contribution of each member to the compact, shall be made upon warrants issued by the state comptroller based upon vouchers approved by any one of the Hawaii commissioners. A report of the activities and expenses of the Hawaii commissioners and a proposed program for the State's continuing participation in the activities of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, including a budget request, shall be submitted by the Hawaii commissioners to the legislature for each regular legislative session."

SECTION 3. In codifying the new sections added by section 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute the appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating the new sections in this Act.

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

(Approved June 19, 2012.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.