

## ACT 104

H.B. NO. 547

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

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

## PART I

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the establishment of a graduation pathway system, with its potential to strengthen educational outcomes for higher education students across the State, as well as enhance the management efficiency for delivery of higher education, is a matter of statewide concern.

The purpose of this part is to require the University of Hawaii to develop the graduation pathway system, including elements such as structured, default pathways to graduation; academic maps; and intrusive advising.

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

**“§304A- Graduation pathway system.** (a) The university shall provide guidance to students to increase the rate of on-time graduation. In providing such guidance, the university shall develop a graduation pathway system to direct students toward appropriate options to complete a major course of study, graduate within a reasonable period of time, and understand the dynamics of the local employment market.

(b) In developing the graduation pathway system, the university shall include elements such as structured, default pathways to graduation; academic maps with sequential scheduling of classes; intrusive advising; data on the dynamics of the local employment market, including the availability of employment; and other elements as appropriate to provide guidance to students toward timely graduation.”

SECTION 3. The University of Hawaii shall submit a report to the legislature on its efforts to explore administrative measures to provide guidance to students within the University of Hawaii system to increase the rate of on-time graduation, including updates on progress toward the development of the graduation pathway system, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2016.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 for the development of the graduation pathway system identified in section 2 of this Act; provided that the graduation pathway system shall, among other things, allow students at the University of Hawaii to register for classes.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

## PART II

SECTION 5. There is appropriated from the university revenue-undertakings fund the sum of \$5,640,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 for renovations, repairs, and improvements to the John A. Burns school of medicine.

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The sum appropriated represents only the amount derived from interest earnings accrued from the proceeds of University of Hawaii revenue bonds sold for the John A. Burns school of medicine, which remain available in the university revenue-undertakings fund. This authorization shall lapse on June 30, 2018.

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### PART III

SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

(Approved June 12, 2015.)

#### Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.