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NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

June 19, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

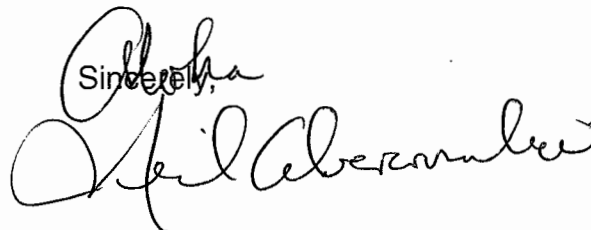
The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker
and Members of the House
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 19, 2012, the following bill was signed into law:

SB243 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE WESTERN INTERSTATE
COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.
Act 137 (12)

Sincerely,


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 19 2012

THE SENATE
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 137

S.B. NO. 243
S.D. 2
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

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:

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

4 **"§304A-A Definitions.** As used in this subpart, unless the
5 context clearly requires otherwise:

6 "Commission" means the Western Interstate Commission for
7 Higher Education.

8 "Hawaii commission" means the Hawaii western interstate
9 commission for higher education established under section
10 304A-B.

11 "Hawaii commissioners" means the members of the Hawaii
12 western interstate commission for higher education.

13 **§304A-B Hawaii western interstate commission for higher**
14 **education.** (a) There is established within the University of
15 Hawaii for administrative purposes only the Hawaii western
16 interstate commission for higher education comprised of the
17 state commissioners to the Western Interstate Commission for



1 Higher Education, established under Article III of the Western
2 Regional Education Compact.

3 (b) The members of the Hawaii commission shall be the
4 commissioners appointed by the governor to the Western
5 Interstate Commission for Higher Education pursuant to section
6 304A-3204. The positions of the Hawaii commissioners shall be
7 placed within the University of Hawaii for administrative
8 purposes.

9 **§304A-C Professional student exchange program; repayment**
10 **policy.** The Hawaii commission may establish a repayment policy
11 for students who receive any financial support from funds
12 appropriated by the legislature for the Hawaii professional
13 student exchange program of the Western Interstate Commission
14 for Higher Education.

15 **§304A-D Professional student exchange program special**
16 **fund.** (a) There is established a professional student exchange
17 program special fund to be administered and expended by the
18 Hawaii commission.

19 (b) The following moneys shall be deposited into the
20 special fund:

21 (1) Principal and interest payments received as repayment
22 of financial support from former or current



1 participants of the professional student exchange
2 program, pursuant to section 304A-C; and

3 (2) Interest earned or accrued on moneys in the special
4 fund.

5 (c) Moneys in the special fund shall be expended to:

6 (1) Support the professional student exchange program's
7 activities, including the provision of financial
8 support to participants at Western Interstate
9 Commission for Higher Education receiver institutions;
10 and

11 (2) Enforce the collection of delinquent obligations."

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

14 "[+]§304A-3205[+] **Expenditures; reports.** Expenditures by
15 the Hawaii commission, including the amounts fixed annually as
16 the equal contribution of each member to the compact, shall be
17 made upon warrants issued by the state comptroller based upon
18 vouchers approved by any one of the Hawaii commissioners. A
19 report of the activities and expenses of the Hawaii
20 commissioners and a proposed program for the State's continuing
21 participation in the activities of the Western Interstate
22 Commission for Higher Education, including a budget request,



1 shall be submitted by the Hawaii commissioners to the
2 legislature for each regular legislative session."

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

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

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

APPROVED this 19 day of JUN, 2012



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII