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# 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, 2030.



**Report Title:**

WICHE; Professional Student Exchange Program; Special Fund

**Description:**

Establishes the Hawaii Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education (Hawaii WICHE). Allows Hawaii WICHE to establish a repayment policy for students who receive financial support from certain funds appropriated for the Hawaii commission. Establishes a professional student exchange program special fund. Effective July 1, 2030. (SB243 HD1)

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