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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to subpart A of part I to be  
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:  
4           "§304A- Graduation pathway system. (a) The university  
5 shall develop the graduation pathway system to ensure that  
6 students within the University of Hawaii system receive  
7 appropriate guidance and options to complete a major course of  
8 study, graduate within a reasonable period of time, and  
9 understand the dynamics of the local employment market.  
10           (b) In developing the graduation pathway system, the  
11 university shall include the following elements:  
12           (1) Structured, default pathways wherein upon choosing a  
13 major course of study, students are defaulted into the  
14 required classes they need to complete to graduate  
15 with a baccalaureate degree in that course of study;



- 1        (2) Meta-majors, which shall include broad clusters of  
2                    majors and which shall include breadth requirements  
3                    appropriate to the types of majors in each category;
- 4        (3) Academic maps, including a sequential, prescriptive  
5                    schedule of classes for each meta-major and major  
6                    course of study;
- 7        (4) Cornerstone classes that are prerequisites designated  
8                    for each semester and which shall be taken in a  
9                    recommended sequence and are guaranteed to be  
10                   available in the sequence and terms designed in the  
11                   academic maps;
- 12        (5) An intrusive advising model that includes the use of  
13                    high school performance and other measures to  
14                    recommend broad academic pathways and present default  
15                    pathways;
- 16        (6) A highly-structured option including block schedules  
17                    of classes and cohorts of students and where students  
18                    choose programs or major courses of study with  
19                    mandated class schedules, rather than individual  
20                    classes; and



1        (7) Data on the dynamics of the local employment market,  
2                including availability.

3        (c) The university shall be responsible for the  
4 establishment of policies and procedures designed to implement  
5 and support the graduation pathway system."

6            SECTION 2. The graduation pathway system shall be  
7 implemented on all campuses of the University of Hawaii system  
8 no later than the fall semester of 2016. The University of  
9 Hawaii shall submit a report to the legislature, including  
10 updates on progress toward the development and implementation of  
11 the graduation pathway system, no later than twenty days prior  
12 to the convening of the regular session of 2016.

13            SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the  
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
17 2016-2017 for the development and implementation of the  
18 graduation pathway system.

19            The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University  
20 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the  
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
5 2016-2017 for the establishment of two full-time equivalent  
6 (2.00 FTE) permanent positions in the University of Hawaii  
7 systems office to develop, implement, and oversee the graduation  
8 pathway system.

9 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University  
10 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2525.



**Report Title:**

Graduation Pathway System; University of Hawaii; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the University of Hawaii to develop the Graduation Pathway System, including structured, default pathways to graduation, meta-majors, academic maps, cornerstone classes, and highly-structured options. Appropriates funds. (HB547 HD1)

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