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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 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the establishment of  
3 a graduation pathway system, with its potential to strengthen  
4 educational outcomes for higher education students across the  
5 State, is a matter of statewide concern.

6 The purpose of this Act is to direct the University of  
7 Hawaii to explore additional administrative measures to provide  
8 students with guidance to increase the rate of on-time  
9 graduation and authorize the development of a graduation pathway  
10 system that includes structured, default pathways to graduation,  
11 meta-majors, academic maps, cornerstone classes, and highly-  
12 structured options.

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

16 "§304A- Graduation pathway system. (a) The university  
17 shall explore administrative measures to provide guidance to  
18 students to increase the rate of on-time graduation. In



1 exploring these administrative measures, the university may  
2 consider the development of a graduation pathway system to  
3 direct students toward appropriate options to complete a major  
4 course of study, graduate within a reasonable period of time,  
5 and understand the dynamics of the local employment market.

6 (b) If the university elects to develop a graduation  
7 pathway system, the system shall include the following elements:

- 8 (1) Structured, default pathways wherein upon choosing a  
9 major course of study, students are defaulted into the  
10 required classes they need to complete to graduate  
11 with a baccalaureate degree in that course of study;
- 12 (2) Meta-majors, which shall include broad clusters of  
13 majors and which shall include breadth requirements  
14 appropriate to the types of majors in each category;
- 15 (3) Academic maps, including a sequential, prescriptive  
16 schedule of classes for each meta-major and major  
17 course of study;
- 18 (4) Cornerstone classes that are prerequisites designated  
19 for each semester and which shall be taken in a  
20 recommended sequence and are guaranteed to be



1           available in the sequence and terms designed in the  
2           academic maps;  
3           (5) An intrusive advising model that includes the use of  
4           high school performance and other measures to  
5           recommend broad academic pathways and present default  
6           pathways;  
7           (6) A highly-structured option including block schedules  
8           of classes and cohorts of students and where students  
9           choose programs or major courses of study with  
10           mandated class schedules, rather than individual  
11           classes; and  
12           (7) Data on the dynamics of the local employment market,  
13           including employment availability.  
14           (c) If the university elects to develop a graduation  
15 pathway system, it shall be responsible for the establishment of  
16 policies and procedures designed to support the system."

17           SECTION 3. If the University of Hawaii elects to develop a  
18 graduation pathway system, it shall submit a report to the  
19 legislature on its efforts to explore administrative measures to  
20 provide guidance to students within the University of Hawaii  
21 system to increase the rate of on-time graduation, including



1 updates on progress toward the development of the graduation  
2 pathway system, no later than twenty days prior to the convening  
3 of the regular session of 2016.

4 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and  
7 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
8 year 2016-2017 for the purposes of this Act.

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

11 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and  
14 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
15 year 2016-2017 for the establishment of full-time  
16 equivalent ( FTE) permanent positions in the University of  
17 Hawaii systems office for the purposes of this Act.

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



1 PART II

2 SECTION 6. There is appropriated from the university  
3 revenue-undertakings fund the sum of \$5,640,000 or so much  
4 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 for  
5 renovations, repairs, and improvements to the John A. Burns  
6 school of medicine.

7 The sum appropriated represents only the amount derived  
8 from interest earnings accrued from the proceeds of University  
9 of Hawaii revenue bonds sold for the John A. Burns school of  
10 medicine, which remain available in the university revenue-  
11 undertakings fund. This authorization shall lapse on June 30,  
12 2018.

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

15 PART III

16 SECTION 7. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2525.



**Report Title:**

University of Hawaii; Graduation Pathway System; John A. Burns School of Medicine; Appropriation

**Description:**

Directs the University of Hawaii to explore administrative measures to provide guidance to students to increase the rate of on-time graduation. Authorizes the development and implementation of a graduation pathway system. Appropriates funds for the graduation pathway system and to the John A. Burns School of Medicine for repairs. Effective 7/1/2525. (SD2)

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