
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COLLEGE SERVICE CORPS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Many universities within our nation have
2 adopted a modified model of President Franklin Delano
3 Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps program, originally
4 intended to provide alternative employment for Americans
5 following the Great Depression, to narrow the gap between local
6 education and career opportunities, while stimulating the short-
7 term and long-term development of environment, economy, and
8 society-oriented community projects.

9 Along with providing a way to meet local needs and increase
10 civic awareness and social advancement, these college services
11 corps programs can help new graduates gauge career readiness and
12 offer preparation through technical training, assistance, and
13 other support, including professional development through real
14 world experience.

15 To increase access to higher education and work
16 opportunities for volunteers at various education levels, a
17 college services corps program can qualify successful volunteers



1 for tuition reduction or full scholarships at various
2 educational programs under their jurisdiction.

3 The purpose of this measure is to encourage recent high
4 school graduates to volunteer for similar service corps programs
5 in Hawaii by providing educational benefits to individuals who
6 have successfully completed a Hawaii college services corps
7 program.

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

11 "§304A- Hawaii college service corps program. (a) There
12 is established the Hawaii college service corps program, which
13 shall be placed within the University of Hawaii for
14 administrative purposes. The mission of the program shall be to
15 encourage recent Hawaii high school graduates to participate in
16 college service corps programs by rewarding those individuals
17 with tuition waivers and college credit for subsequent
18 enrollment in schools within the University of Hawaii system.

19 (b) Each full year of successful participation in a
20 qualifying college service corps program shall qualify the
21 participant for four semesters of tuition waivers. No



1 participant shall earn more than eight semesters of tuition
2 waivers pursuant to this section.

3 (c) Each month of successful participation in a qualifying
4 college service corps program shall earn the participant one
5 credit hour, or equivalent thereof, up to a maximum of twenty-
6 four credit hours.

7 (d) Tuition waivers and credit hours earned through the
8 Hawaii college service corps program shall apply to an
9 associate's or bachelor's degree at a school within the
10 University of Hawaii system.

11 (e) The University of Hawaii may seek private donations to
12 offset the costs of providing tuition waivers pursuant to this
13 section."

14 SECTION 3. No later than July 1, 2019, the University of
15 Hawaii shall publish a list of college service corps programs
16 that qualify for tuition waivers and college credit pursuant to
17 this Act. In establishing the list of qualified college service
18 corps program, the University of Hawaii:

19 (1) Shall consult with the Department of Land and Natural
20 Resources, Division of Conservation and Resources
21 Enforcement, to determine the feasibility of



1 establishing patrol assignments as part of a qualified
2 college service corps program;

3 (2) Shall consult with the Department of Education to
4 determine the feasibility of alleviating teacher
5 shortages by establishing teaching assistant positions
6 as part of a qualified college service corps program;
7 and

8 (3) May consult with other government entities, including
9 other departments and counties in Hawaii, to determine
10 the feasibility of establishing assignments,
11 internships, or positions as part of a qualified
12 college service corps program.

13 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Description:

Establishes the Hawaii college service corps to provide recent high school graduates with tuition waivers and college credit for participation in qualifying college service corps programs.

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