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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that an educated state  
2 workforce will help to increase government efficiency, provide  
3 quality services to the public, reduce waste, and promote  
4 innovative ideas statewide. The legislature also finds that  
5 providing incentives for individuals to further their education  
6 and seek employment with the State will enhance the State's  
7 ability to improve government services.

8           The legislature declares that providing tuition grants for  
9 certain individuals to attend post-secondary education programs  
10 at the University of Hawaii system in exchange for commitments  
11 to public service is a matter of statewide concern.

12           The purpose of this Act is to provide tuition grants for  
13 individuals who commit to future employment with the State.

14           SECTION 2. Chapter 78, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
15 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
16 read as follows:



1           "§78-        University of Hawaii tuition grants for state  
2 employees. (a) The department of human resources development  
3 shall provide grants to fund the tuition of any person who  
4 applies for a grant under this section; provided that the  
5 following conditions are met:

6           (1) The person is a United States citizen or an eligible  
7           noncitizen;

8           (2) The person is admitted to and enrolled in an  
9           undergraduate or community college program of the  
10           University of Hawaii;

11           (3) The person maintains satisfactory academic progress,  
12           as determined by the undergraduate college or  
13           community college program that the person attends;

14           (4) The person is physically present in the State; and

15           (5) The person commits to future employment with the State  
16           in the amount of five years for an associate's degree  
17           or ten years for a bachelor's degree; provided that if  
18           the person does not obtain the associate's or  
19           bachelor's degree, the person shall be obligated to  
20           refund the State for the pro-rata portion of the grant  
21           for the number of credits remaining to obtain the



1           associate's or bachelor's degree; and provided further  
2           that if the person does not fulfill the entire  
3           employment commitment required by this paragraph in a  
4           state position approved by the department of human  
5           resources development, the person shall be obligated  
6           to refund the State for the pro-rata portion of the  
7           grant for the amount of employment commitment  
8           remaining.

9           (b) The department of human resources development shall  
10          develop a list of approved state positions that fulfill the  
11          employment requirements established by this section.

12          (c) As used in this section, an "eligible noncitizen"  
13          means a person who is:

- 14          (1) A United States permanent resident who holds a  
15            permanent resident card;
- 16          (2) A conditional permanent resident of the United States;  
17            or
- 18          (3) The holder of an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from  
19            the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of  
20            the following designations:
  - 21            (A) Refugee;



- 1           (B) Asylum granted;
- 2           (C) Parolee; or
- 3           (D) Cuban-Haitian Entrant.

4           (d) The department of human resources development shall  
 5 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 that establish eligibility  
 6 for a tuition grant pursuant to this section."



7           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
 8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$           or so much  
 9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to pay for  
 10 tuition grants for qualifying students; provided that any  
 11 portion of the sum appropriated that has not been expended by  
 12 June 30, 2019, shall not lapse; provided further that any  
 13 remaining unencumbered balance on June 30, 2020, shall lapse to  
 14 the credit of the general fund.

15           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
 16 human resources development for the purposes of this Act.

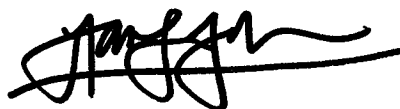
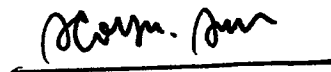
17           SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

18           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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INTRODUCED BY:   


# H.B. NO. 2113

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# H.B. NO. 2113

**Report Title:**

Future State Employment; DHRD; Tuition Grants; Appropriation

**Description:**

Directs the Department of Human Resources Development to provide University of Hawaii tuition grants to students who commit to future employment with the State. Appropriates moneys.

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