Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 20, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1157 HD1 SD2 CD1 RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENT IMMUNIZATIONS.
ACT 101 (19)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENT IMMUNIZATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that colleges and universities are increasing the number of courses and programs offered online. The University of Hawaii offered 1,428 sections of distance learning in the fall 2018 semester and is preparing to increase its offering of exclusively online programs. Because methods of educational delivery are changing, certain requirements that have been traditionally imposed on students, such as immunizations, may not always apply in the same manner as they do for traditional classroom instruction.

The legislature further finds that the department of health is currently proposing changes to title 11, chapter 157, Hawaii Administrative Rules, relating to examination and immunization. The proposed changes include an exemption for online and distance learning for post-secondary schools to be implemented once the proposed rules are effective, the governor approves them, and the amended rules have been filed with the lieutenant governor.
The legislature additionally finds that the University of Hawaii is expanding its online and distance-learning programs beginning with the fall 2019 semester. However, the proposed rules may not be adopted in time for fall 2019 classes. Therefore, students who register exclusively for post-secondary online and distance-learning programs for fall 2019, or the preceding online summer college transition course, may still be subject to the current immunization requirements. The department of health and University of Hawaii agree that the rule regarding immunization should be amended to exempt post-secondary students in online or distance-learning programs who do not attend classes in person.

The purpose of this Act is to allow post-secondary students who attend classes exclusively online or through distance learning to be exempt from the requirements of title 11, chapter 157, Hawaii Administrative Rules, under certain conditions.

SECTION 2. Students in post-secondary education programs who are registered to attend classes exclusively online or through distance learning shall be exempt from the requirements of title 11, chapter 157, Hawaii Administrative Rules; provided that if a student needs to go on campus for any reason related
to their online or distance learning class, the student shall be
subject to the immunization requirements of title 11, chapter
157, Hawaii Administrative Rules, prior to entering the campus.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the
House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
2019.

Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives
THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 30, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii  96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the
Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2019.

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President of the Senate

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Clerk of the Senate