A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to subpart B of part II to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

§304A- Early childhood education scholarship program.

(a) There is established the early childhood education scholarship program to be administered by the University of Hawaii. The early childhood education scholarship program shall assist students with school tuition in return for a service commitment to teach in a classroom of the executive office on early learning public prekindergarten program.

(b) The early childhood education scholarship program shall cover the cost of tuition and fees for a complete course of study that qualifies an individual to teach at a prekindergarten program; provided that a recipient who fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress shall be terminated from the early childhood education scholarship program and shall be
required to repay the portion of the scholarship already
dispensed on the recipient's behalf.

(c) Recipients shall be required to complete three years
of teaching in a classroom of the executive office on early
learning public prekindergarten program established pursuant to
section 302L-7. If a recipient fails to complete the required
three-year service commitment, the recipient shall reimburse the
University of Hawaii for the full amount of the award received
from the scholarship program.

(d) The number of scholarships awarded annually shall be
determined by the University of Hawaii and shall be subject to
the availability of funds.

(e) The University of Hawaii shall establish necessary
policies and procedures to implement and sustain the scholarship
program, including application procedures, eligibility
requirements, and standards to determine which applicants are
awarded scholarships.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so much
thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the
purposes of this Act.
The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

INTRODUCED BY:
Report Title:
Early Childhood Education; Scholarship; UH; Appropriation

Description:
Establishes the early childhood education scholarship program within the University of Hawaii to assist students with school tuition in return for a service commitment to teach in a preschool classroom of the executive office on early learning public prekindergarten program. Appropriates funds.

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