



GOV. MSG. NO. 1157

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JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA

June 5, 2023

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate,  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

✓The Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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

This is to inform you that on June 5, 2023, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1151 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM.  
**ACT 057**

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on JUN 5 2023

THE SENATE  
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023  
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 1151  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the students of  
2 university of Hawaii community colleges have benefited greatly  
3 from the Hawaii community college promise program. The  
4 legislature further finds that certificate programs at  
5 university of Hawaii community colleges bring great value to the  
6 State. Additionally, the legislature also finds that students  
7 with developmental disabilities seeking post-graduate  
8 certificates have had difficulty in accessing promise  
9 scholarships in the past. Ensuring wider access to the Hawaii  
10 community college promise program to students in certificate  
11 programs allows more university of Hawaii community college  
12 students to pursue their educational goals and is a matter of  
13 statewide concern.

14 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to ensure access to  
15 Hawaii community college promise program funding by exempting  
16 certificate program students from the requirement to complete  
17 the Free Application for Federal Student Aid each academic year



1 to be considered eligible for the Hawaii community college  
2 promise program.

3 SECTION 2. Section 304A-506, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

5 "(b) A student enrolled at a community college campus  
6 shall be eligible for scholarship consideration for a maximum of  
7 eight semesters if the student:

8 (1) Qualifies for Hawaii resident tuition;

9 (2) Completes and submits the Free Application for Federal  
10 Student Aid for each academic year and accepts all  
11 federal and state aid, grants, scholarships, and other  
12 funding sources that do not require repayment;

13 provided that this paragraph shall not apply to a  
14 student who enrolls in a certificate program;

15 (3) Is enrolled in a classified degree or certificate  
16 program with six or more credits per semester;

17 (4) Maintains satisfactory academic progress, as defined  
18 by federal requirements established pursuant to  
19 [~~Title~~] title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965,  
20 as amended, and determined by the campus at which the  
21 student is enrolled; and




1 (5) Has been determined by the campus to have unmet direct  
2 cost needs.

3 (c) Scholarships shall be awarded to the extent possible  
4 based on available funds and on a greatest need basis. An award  
5 granted to a student shall be equal to the student's unmet  
6 direct cost need, based on the Free Application for Federal  
7 Student Aid calculation of need, less the amounts available to  
8 the student from Pell grants and other scholarships[-]; provided  
9 that the unmet direct cost need for a student who enrolls in a  
10 certificate program shall be based on a suitable instrument, as  
11 determined by the university of Hawaii, less the amounts  
12 available to the student from grants and other scholarships."

13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

APPROVED this 5th day of June, 2023



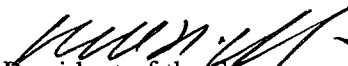
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII




**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: May 2, 2023  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2023.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 1151, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2023  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives