
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 benefitted 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.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to ensure access to
14 Hawaii community college promise program funding by exempting
15 certificate program students from the requirement to complete
16 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 subsection (b) 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 (3) Is enrolled in a classified degree or certificate
14 program with six or more credits per semester;

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

20 (5) Has been determined by the campus to have unmet direct
21 cost needs [-];



1 provided that a student who enrolls in a certificate program
2 shall not be required to submit the Free Application for Federal
3 Student Aid each academic year."

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Hawaii Community College Promise Program; Certificate Programs;
Free Application for Federal Student Aid; Exemption

Description:

Exempts University of Hawaii Community College students who are enrolled in certificate programs from the requirement to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid each academic year to be considered eligible for the Hawaii Community College Promise Program. (SD1)

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