

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT



REPORT TO THE 2015 LEGISLATURE

ANNUAL REPORT ON
THE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND ASSISTANCE
SPECIAL FUND 2013-14

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REPORT ON THE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND ASSISTANCE SPECIAL FUND

Act 138, Session Laws of Hawai'i (SLH) 2004, established the Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund to provide financial assistance to qualified students enrolled at any campus of the University of Hawai'i. Revenues deposited into this fund shall include state, federal and private funds, and funds transferred by the University from the tuition and fees special fund pursuant to HRS, section 304A-2153, as well as state funds for scholarship programs.

The University has transferred the appropriated funds for the State of Hawai'i B Plus Scholarship program into the Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund. For the 2013-14 academic year, the University awarded \$3,497,503 to Hawai'i public high school graduates who met the criteria for the scholarship.

There were no funds appropriated for the Hawai'i state scholars program (HRS, section 304A-504) or workforce development scholarship program (HRS, section 304A-505).

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REPORT ON TUITION EXEMPTIONS (formerly WAIVERS) and NON-RESIDENT TUITION DIFFERENTIALS

Act 161 (SLH 1995), Act 237 (SLH 1996), HRS sections 304A-501 and 304A-502 authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i to grant, modify and suspend previous legislatively mandated tuition waivers as well as to establish new ones.

Per earlier annual reports on tuition waivers submitted to the Hawai'i State Legislature, the structure of the tuition waiver program changed significantly in FY08. The majority of financial assistance awarded to students is now given as grants and scholarships.

With this structure in mind, in 2013-14, \$27,768,422 in tuition exemptions were awarded representing tuition dollars waived. A total of 3,190 students systemwide received full or partial exemption of tuition charges in the following categories: Native Hawaiians domiciled outside of Hawai'i, employees of the University (employee / domestic partner / spouses), graduate assistants, and other special talent individuals.

In 2013-14, an additional \$57,611,560 in non-resident tuition differentials were waived for 6,804 non-residents in such categories as the following: East-West Center student grantees pursuing baccalaureate or advanced degrees; United States military personnel stationed in Hawai'i on active duty, and their authorized dependents during the period that the personnel are stationed in Hawai'i; Members of the Hawai'i National Guard and the Hawai'i Reserves; Native Hawaiians whose domicile is outside of Hawai'i; Employees of the university, their spouses, and their dependents; individuals with special talents and/or unique skills who will make a significant contribution to campus life; institutional agreements with the Pacific Islands; student exchange, and Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE). Tuition revenues collected from these non-resident students was \$52,313,437.