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**Introduction/Background**

Act 138 of the 2004 Session Laws of Hawai'i (SLH) established the Student Scholarship and Assistance 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 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.

**Academic Year Expenditures**

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 2017-18 academic year, the University paid \$3,003,500, assisting 1,431 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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Act 161 (1995), Act 237 (1996), HRS sections 304A-501 and 304A-502 authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii 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.

**Academic Year Expenditures**

With this structure in mind, in 2017-18, \$31,253,219 in tuition exemptions were awarded representing tuition dollars waived. A total of 3,260 system-wide students received full or partial exemption of tuition charges in the following categories: Native Hawaiians students, employees of the University (employee, spouses or domestic partner), graduate assistants, and other special talent individuals.

As part of its commitment to returning tuition revenue collected for financial assistance to students, the University awarded 16,745 students system-wide scholarships totaling \$51,315,290 in 2017-18. These tuition revenue scholarships were awarded to students with financial need as well as for merit purposes including high academic scholarship, Regents & Presidential Scholars, highly qualified international students from the Asian Pacific region, and qualified students from certain Pacific Island jurisdictions.

In 2017-18, an additional \$67,630,814 in non-resident tuition differentials were waived for 8,068 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; Veterans and individuals eligible to use GI Bill or Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty educational benefits; 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 from these non-resident students was \$76,834,589.