

# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT



REPORT TO THE 2009 LEGISLATURE

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND ASSISTANCE SPECIAL FUND 2007-08

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**REPORT ON THE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND ASSISTANCE SPECIAL FUND**

Act 138 of the 2004 Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) established the Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund to provide financial assistance to qualified students enrolled at any campus of the University of Hawaii. 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 section 304A-2153, as well as state funds for scholarship programs.

The University has transferred the appropriated funds for the State of Hawaii B Plus Scholarship program (\$500,000 in FY 06; \$1,000,000 in FY 07; \$1,500,000 in FY 08) into the Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund. For the 2007-08 academic year, the University awarded the entire designated \$1,000,000 to Hawai'i public high school graduates who met the criteria for the scholarship. For the 2008-09 academic year to date, we have awarded and confirmed \$1,281,834 of the designated \$1,500,000 in financial assistance for the Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 semesters. By January 31, 2009, we expect to be able to award the balance of \$218,166 to eligible UH students for the Spring 2009 semester.

There were no funds appropriated for the Hawai'i state scholars program or workforce development scholarship program.

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### **REPORT ON TUITION WAIVERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

The current administration of tuition waivers of 2007-08 is consistent with the amendments to University of Hawaii administrative rules on tuition waivers approved by the Board of Regents in 1998. The amendments were approved to implement Act 161 (1995) and Act 237 (1996) which provided authority to the Board to grant, modify and suspend previous legislatively mandated tuition waivers as well as to establish new ones.

As a result, in June 2006, the UH Board of Regents approved a new Financial Assistance Program that eliminated the majority of the tuition waiver program in order to convert waivers to scholarships, beginning Fall 2007. The scholarships, funded by tuition revenues, would be made available to students (undergraduate, graduate, part-time, full-time, resident, and non-resident) who have financial need as well as some who meet merit, service, and other criteria as determined by campuses. This new program is documented in the Board of Regents policy, Chapter 6, and in UH Executive Policy, E6.204.

Therefore, the structure of the tuition waiver program has changed significantly.

In 2007-08, \$19,666,477 in institutional grants and scholarships from the new Financial Assistance Program was awarded. A total of 11,844 students received this aid.

Furthermore, in 2007-08, \$11,538,029 in tuition waivers was provided. A total of 2,706 students systemwide received full or partial waivers of tuition charges in the following categories: Native Hawaiians, employee/employee domestic partners/employee spouses, and graduate assistants.

In 2007-08, an additional \$34,153,843 in non-resident tuition differentials was waived for non-residents in the following categories due to historical or reciprocal agreements: East-West Center grantees, faculty/staff, institutional agreements with the Pacific Islands, military (for active duty personnel and their dependents), Hawai'i National Guard and Reserves, Native Hawaiians, student exchange, and Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE). Tuition revenues collected from these students was \$25,509,426.