

PELP 2.0 Dependent Tuition Waiver Project



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VISION

Expand tuition benefit policy for full-time faculty and staff to include dependent children

PHASES

PELP 2018: Proposal is created

PELP 2019: Cohort recommendation: Need more data

PELP 2.0, 2024: Facilitate implementation

JUSTIFICATION

83% of UHM's Peer & Benchmark Schools Offer "IT"

Peer	Benchmark
Colorado State University	University of California, Davis
Mississippi State University	University of California, Irvine
Oregon State University	University of California, San Diego
University of Arizona	University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Illinois	University of Iowa
University of Kentucky	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of New Mexico	University of Pittsburgh
University of South Florida	University of Tennessee at Knoxville
University of Utah	University of Washington - Seattle



COMPETITION

- All the other universities in Hawaii offer it
- Recruitment for students and Fac/Staff has intensified
- In comparison, UH is lacking in employee benefits







BENEFITS TO UH

- **★**Increase student **enrollment** & **retention**
- **★**Increase **completion** rates
- ★Increase faculty / staff recruitment & retention
- **★**Improve **UH pride / branding**
- ★Reverse the brain drain –keep Hawai'i's talent in Hawai'i

OBSTACLES

- Institutional/System Policy Change
- Unions
- Financial concerns
- Obtaining data on participation and cost prior to implementing
- Creating logistical systems
- Culture of "No Can"

Implementation Strategy

Creation of a Pilot Program

- Contacted all bargaining units
- Identified obstacles/challenges
- Developed Pilot strategy
- Creation of implementation work group at UH Hilo
- Create pilot policies and procedures
- Create logistical systems to facilitate utilization
- Survey UH Hilo Fac/Staff to gadge participation



Pilot program

- UH Hilo only
- 4 year pilot
- Program review each year
- Compile data:
 - Cost analysis
- Potential Expansion



FACULTY/STAFF SURVEY RESULTS

- Email was sent to all faculty and staff at UH Hilo
- 112 responses
- 24 identified not having children
- 37 dependents aged 18-24
- 41 dependents aged 14-17
- 78 students between 14-24 years old
- Estimate 20 students a year utilizing the waiver

PILOT TERMS

- Dependents (age ~18-24) of UH Hilo full-time employees
- Must take a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester
- Waive a maximum of 6 credit hours per semester
- Start in Fall 2024 and run for 4 years
- Valid only for undergraduate, credit courses at UH Hilo
- Fall and Spring semesters only
- Does not cover student, Institutional, or course fees, housing, meal plans, books, lab fees, nursing and pharmacy clinical fees, professional fees, etc
- Dependents may utilize tuition waiver for a maximum of 8 consecutive semesters.
- Must maintain satisfactory academic progress & regular attendance
- Tuition waiver is a taxable benefit
- May impact Financial Aid Award Offer



PROCESS

- Apply for admission to UH Hilo by appropriate deadline
- Be admitted as a classified or unclassified student
- Submit Dependent Tuition Waiver Form (to be created in Kuali) and the Declaration of Dependent Children Form no later than 3 weeks before the first day of classes
- Forms must be re-submitted each semester.
- Dependents register for classes during the normal registration period.
- May not be used for special funded courses which have insufficient revenue to cover costs
- Tuition waiver will be applied to student's tuition balance after the drop deadline for refunds has passed (i.e. after the last date for 50% tuition refund).
- Tuition credit will not be applied if the student has dropped below 12 credit hours.





