

Leeward Community College
Faculty Senate, Legislative Relations Committee Report
March 12, 2019

The committee held a meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

We discussed the Bills currently active in the Legislature and selected the top 7 that may be of interest to the faculty at Leeward CC.

On a separate matter, the UHPA representatives at the Leeward CC meeting on March 11, 2019 raised the subject of the Bargaining Unit 7's next salary negotiations are underway. While there is a Bill in the Legislature signaling this event, it has no dollar amount assigned; and is meant to raise awareness for the pending negotiations.

[HB 377 HD1](#)

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Pamantasan Council for 4 full-time equivalent positions to promote access, diversity, and workforce development, including programs and policies related to Philippine courses and Filipino students. (HB377 HD1)

[HB 1371](#)

Establishes the University of Hawaii University Promise Program to provide scholarships for the unmet direct cost needs of qualified students enrolled at any 4-year degree campus of the University of Hawaii system. Appropriates funds to establish and implement the program.

[HB 813](#) (Companion Bill SB 612)

Establishes the University of Hawaii Promise Program Plus to provide scholarships for the unmet direct cost needs of qualified students enrolled in a bachelor's degree at the University of Hawaii who are (1) graduates of a University of Hawaii community college who received a Hawaii Community College Promise Program Scholarship; and (2) enrolled at any University of Hawaii campus. Appropriates funds to establish and implement the program. (HB813 HD1)

[SB 255](#)

Defibrillator for all Public School campuses including UH system campuses. By the end of the 2019-2020 school year: (1) (2) (3) All public schools shall have an automated external defibrillator situated in a permanent location on campus.

[SB671](#)

Post-secondary Education Students; Immunization Exemption

Exempts students in post-secondary education programs from immunization requirements if they attend classes exclusively online or through distance learning. Takes effect on 7/1/2020. (SD2)

[HB 919](#)

Establishes a collective bargaining unit for graduate student assistants employed by the University of Hawaii. (HB919 HD1)

[HB 1383](#)

Decriminalizes the possession of 3 grams or less of marijuana and establish that the possession is an infraction punishable by a monetary fine of \$200. Provides for the dismissal of criminal charges, and expungement of criminal records, pertaining solely to the possession of 3 grams or less of marijuana. Establishes a marijuana evaluation task force to make recommendations on changing marijuana use penalties and outcomes in the State. Effective 1/11/2084. (HB1383 HD2)

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