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SENATE ACT 20-17

VITA & FAFSA CAMPAIGN THROUGH THE FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SENATE:

SECTION I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funding to raise awareness of college funding options through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Financial Literacy Program has proposed a two month long campaigning, running from January 2017 through February 2017, to maximize student awareness of the new and early February 1st FAFSA priority deadline.

Although FAFSA applications are accepted from October (the new opening date of FAFSA) through June, failure to file a FAFSA by the new February 1st priority deadline delays students from being able to receive all the financial assistance they may be eligible for, prevents the timely disbursement of financial aid funds before tuition deadlines, delays the decision of a financial aid award resulting in increased debt loads or leaving school altogether.

While there exist many reasons students miss the FAFSA priority deadline, most cite not knowing the priority deadline, having incomplete tax returns or missing paperwork, etc. The objective of the FAFSA & Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) campaign is to alleviate as many of these challenges as possible by helping students become more aware of the priority deadline, offering FAFSA completion guidance and assist them with their taxes.

SECTION II. APPROPRIATIONS

A total of \$8,500.00 shall be appropriated from Senate Account 3325232 (University Programs, Services, and Support).

Advertising and banners.....	\$1,000.00
Supplies.....	\$1,000.00
Prizes.....	\$2,500.00
Food.....	\$4,000.00
Total.....	\$8,500.00

SECTION III. PROVISIONS

ASUH shall be recognized as co-funding this event at said event and on all advertising with the phrase “partially funded by ASUH.” Partial funding of said event shall not constitute co-sponsorship by ASUH. ASUH neither implies nor accepts any liability as a result of partially funding said event. ASUH requests a means of tracking the

effectiveness of said event in raising awareness of the FAFSA deadline. Reimbursement can be made so long as it follows the Hawai'i State Procurement Laws.

SECTION IV. Any unexpended and unencumbered balance of any appropriation of this Act, as of the close of business on May 03, 2017 shall lapse into Senate Account 3325232.

SECTION V. The Treasurer is authorized to draw upon said account.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SB 20-17 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Vice President Dela Cruz, Secretary Nishihara, Senators-at-Large Chen, Enriquez, Urasaki, Willis, Senators Arenivas, Barrow, Chun, Crollard, Delos Reyes, Ho, Honda, Ishii, Lee, Leval, Tran, Zabanal **[18]**

Naye(s): Treasurer Hinshaw, Senators Chen, Finau, Ikeda, Klinestiver, Lao, Lo, Negrillo, Utashiro, Wang **[10]**

Introducers: Jannah Lyn Dela Cruz, Vice President