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**Senate Act 30-15**

**VITA & FAFSA CAMPAIGN THROUGH THE FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM**

**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 three month long campaign, running from January 2015 through March 2015, to maximize student awareness of the March 1<sup>st</sup> FAFSA priority deadline.

Although FAFSA applications are accepted from January through June, failure to file a FAFSA by the March 1<sup>st</sup> priority filing deadline delays financial aid decisions, prevents financial aid disbursements to eligible students before payment deadline, and increases debt loads.

While there are many reasons why students miss the FAFSA priority deadline, most cite not knowing the priority deadline or having incomplete income tax returns or missing paperwork. The objective of the VITA & FAFSA campaign is to help students become more aware of the priority deadline and assist them with their taxes.

**SECTION II. APPROPRIATIONS**

A total of \$2,000.00 shall be appropriated from Senate Account 3325232 (University Programs, Services, and Support).

Food .....	\$1,500.00
Supplies.....	\$ 250.00
Advertisement.....	\$ 250.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

**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.

**SECTION IV.** Any unexpected or unencumbered balance of any appropriation of this act as of the close of business on May 06, 2015 shall lapse into Senate Account 3325232.

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

Introducing Member: Kendyl Oshiro, Senator of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Bui Pham, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Kamakea, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Sanchez, Shon, Wainwright [**24**]

**Nays:** Senators Grunenwald, Kawagishi [**2**]

**Abstains:** Senator Oshiro [**1**]