

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3029
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which
was referred H.B. No. 3029 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the University of
Hawaii to waive or reduce tuition fees for:

- (1) Members of the Hawaii National Guard or federal military
reserves in Hawaii;
- (2) Active-duty military personnel who are stationed in
Hawaii; and
- (3) Authorized dependents of such persons.

The Department of Defense and Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii
testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii National Guard
Enlisted Association supported the bill with amendments. The
University of Hawaii supported the intent of the measure.

Your Committee finds that the tuition assistance program for
members of the Hawaii National Guard and federal military reserves
is an important benefit that is essential to military recruitment
and retention and that the proposed tuition waivers recognize the
hardships faced by members when activated for deployment. Your
Committee also finds that, currently, National Guardsmen who are



recruited from the mainland are not granted resident status for tuition purposes until they have been residing in Hawaii for twelve months.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Granting members of the Hawaii National Guard and their authorized dependents with residence tuition status regardless of their actual state of residence; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3029, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3029, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety &
Military Affairs,



KEN ITO, Chair



