

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2349

Honolulu, Hawaii

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, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2883
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Higher Education and Education and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2883 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the University of
Hawaii (UH) Board of Regents to provide tuition waivers or
reductions to members of the National Guard or the military
reserves in Hawaii, active duty military personnel stationed in
Hawaii, and their dependents.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the UH, the State Department of Defense, and the Hawaii
National Guard Enlisted Association.

Your Committees find that with the uncertainties in the world
today, the Hawaii National Guard must maintain its personnel
strength to protect our home front while continuing to support our
nation's war on terrorism. This measure is a means of easing life
for national guard troops and rewarding them for their heroism.
As a side benefit, this measure also serves as a valuable
recruitment tool and an incentive to retain soldiers and airmen in
the national guard.

Your Committees have amended this measure to:

- (1) Remove the tuition waiver and reduction language and
instead provide that the Board of Regents may charge



resident tuition fees for members of the Hawaii National Guard and their authorized dependents, without regard to their state of legal residence; and

- (2) Change the effective date to July 1, 2050, to continue discussions on this measure.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and Education and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2883, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2883, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Higher Education
and Education and Military
Affairs,



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



