

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1062
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TUITION ASSISTANCE

PRESENTATION TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT G. F. LEE
ADJUTANT GENERAL
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Chair Evans, Vice-Chair Har, and Committee Members:

I am Major General Robert G. F. Lee, State Adjutant General. I am testifying on House Bill 1062. This bill broadens the law that provides tuition assistance to members of the Hawaii National Guard and appropriates funds for that purpose.

The department supports the intent of this measure as long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget Request.

Additionally, our department will not be able to execute the appropriated amount as indicated in this measure during fiscal year 2007-2008 or fiscal year 2008-2009. The additional amount provided in the Executive Supplemental Budget Request is adequate for this department to satisfy all requests supported by the tuition assistance program for fiscal year 2008-2009.

Chairs Evans, thank you for letting me submit this written testimony.