

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1061

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 20, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 623
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 623, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TUITION ASSISTANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase access to higher education for Hawaii National Guard (HNG) members by:

- (1) Allowing all commissioned HNG officers and HNG members working toward a graduate degree to be awarded tuition assistance;
- (2) Specifying that undergraduate students have priority when tuition assistance is awarded; and
- (3) Appropriating general revenue funds for tuition assistance awards given to HNG members.

The Department of Defense supported this bill.

Your Committee respectfully requests the Committee on Finance to consider the funding issues surrounding this bill in light of current fiscal difficulties.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the appropriation;
- (2) Changing the effective date as to the remaining section;
and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity,
consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 623, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 623, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Revitalization, Business, &
Military Affairs,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



