
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§304A- Mandatory tuition waivers for resident veterans.

5 (a) The board of regents, or its designated representatives,
6 shall waive entirely the tuition fee or any of the other fees,
7 less the amount of any academic fees or segregated fees paid
8 under 10 U.S.C. 2107(c) or 38 U.S.C. 3104(a)(7)(A), for a
9 student who is a resident veteran of this State, or a dependent
10 or family member of the resident veteran.

11 (b) The tuition waiver provided in this section shall
12 apply to tuition and fees charged for up to one hundred twenty-
13 four credit hours or eight academic semesters, whichever is
14 longer. The waiver may be claimed for vocational,
15 undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels of study.

16 (c) For the purposes of this section, a "resident veteran"
17 is a person who was a resident of this State at the time of
18 entry into active duty, who is a resident of and living in this



1 State at the time of registering at a campus of the university,
2 and is a "veteran" as defined in section 363-1.

3 The terms "dependent" and "family member" shall have the
4 meanings ascribed to them in section 363-1."

5 SECTION 2. Section 121-45, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "§121-45 Tuition assistance for Hawaii national guard
8 personnel to attend the University of Hawaii. (a) The adjutant
9 general, subject to the availability of funds, may award tuition
10 assistance to qualified enlisted persons, warrant officers, and
11 company grade officers (0-1 through 0-3) in the Hawaii national
12 guard who are:

- 13 (1) Residents of the State, as defined by the board of
14 regents pursuant to section [†]304A-402 [†]; and
15 (2) Undergraduate students working toward a degree on any
16 campus of the University of Hawaii.

17 (b) The adjutant general shall adopt rules in accordance
18 with this chapter to carry out the purposes of this section.

19 The rules shall include:

- 20 (1) Descriptions of the minimum military and academic
21 qualification of personnel who may be awarded full or
22 partial tuition assistance under this section;



- 1 (2) Listings of acceptable fields of study, degrees, and
- 2 periods of eligibility for personnel who may be
- 3 awarded tuition assistance under this section;
- 4 (3) Procedures for demonstrating the ongoing, satisfactory
- 5 military and academic performance of personnel who
- 6 have accepted tuition assistance under this section;
- 7 (4) Explanations of any reenlistment obligations for
- 8 personnel who have accepted tuition assistance under
- 9 this section;
- 10 (5) Procedures for administratively transferring moneys
- 11 for tuition assistance awarded under this section from
- 12 the department of defense to the University of Hawaii;
- 13 and
- 14 (6) Procedures for enforcing this subsection.
- 15 (c) Chapters 42F, 103D, and 103F shall not apply to this
- 16 section.
- 17 (d) The tuition assistance provided in this section may
- 18 not be combined with the resident veteran tuition waiver
- 19 provided under section 304A-_____."

20 SECTION 3. Section 304A-502, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

21 amended to read as follows:



1 " [†] §304A-502 [†] Power of regents to grant tuition
2 waivers. (a) The board of regents, or its designated
3 representatives, is authorized to grant, modify, or suspend
4 tuition waivers.

5 The board may:

- 6 (1) Waive entirely or reduce the tuition fee or any of the
7 other fees for graduate teaching and research
8 assistants;
- 9 (2) Enter into agreements with government and university
10 officials of any other state or foreign country to
11 provide for reciprocal waiver of the nonresident
12 tuition and fee differential;
- 13 (3) Waive the nonresident tuition and fee differential for
14 selected students from Pacific and Asian jurisdictions
15 when their presence would be beneficial to the
16 university or the State;
- 17 (4) Waive entirely or reduce the tuition fee or any of the
18 other fees for students, resident or nonresident; and
- 19 (5) Waive the nonresident tuition and fee differential for
20 members in good standing of the following military
21 units, regardless of their actual state of residence:
- 22 (A) The Hawaii national guard; and



1 (B) The federal reserve components of the Army, Navy,
 2 Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard who
 3 attend drills with units located within the
 4 State.

5 (b) The board shall waive entirely the tuition fee and any
 6 other fees for resident veterans of this State or a dependent or
 7 family member of the resident veteran, pursuant to section
 8 304A-_____.

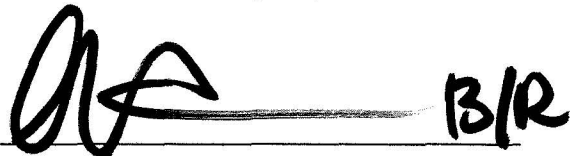
9 (c) The board shall determine the percentage of allowable
 10 tuition and fee waivers for financial need and other university
 11 priorities. These tuition waivers and waivers of the
 12 nonresident tuition and fee differential shall be awarded in
 13 accordance with guidelines established by the board."

14 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Veterans; Tuition

Description:

Grants tuition waivers to veterans and their family members or dependents enrolled at the University of Hawaii.

