
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

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

4 "§304A- Tuition waivers for children of disabled Hawaii
5 veterans. (a) Any natural or legally adopted child of a
6 permanently and totally disabled or killed veteran who:

7 (1) Has filed Hawaii state income taxes for thirty-six
8 consecutive months or more;

9 (2) Served in the Armed Forces of the United States from:

10 (A) April 6, 1917, to July 2, 1921;

11 (B) September 16, 1940, to December 31, 1946;

12 (C) June 25, 1950, to January 31, 1955;

13 (D) August 5, 1964, to May 7, 1975; or

14 (E) After August 2, 1990;

15 (3) Sustained service-connected disabilities or was killed

16 in service as evidenced by records of the United

17 States Department of Veterans Affairs, received wounds



1 as a result of enemy action, or received the Purple
2 Heart Medal; and
3 (4) Was not dishonorably discharged from the United States
4 armed forces,
5 shall be entitled to receive a maximum of eight semesters of
6 benefits, specifically for tuition, at the University of Hawaii;
7 provided that the child is twenty-one years of age or younger at
8 the time of application, is a full-time or part-time student
9 pursuing a prescribed course of study, and maintains
10 satisfactory academic progress as determined by the college,
11 university, or school; provided further that if the child
12 receives any other benefits from any source specifically
13 designated for tuition, the amount of benefits provided under
14 this section shall be reduced by the amount of the other
15 benefits.

16 (b) This section shall apply to a child of a totally and
17 permanently disabled or deceased Hawaii veteran only if the
18 veteran sustained service-connected disabilities or was killed
19 in service as evidenced by the records of the United States
20 Department of Veterans Affairs, received wounds as a result of
21 enemy action, or received the Purple Heart Medal before the
22 effective date of this section. Nothing in this section shall



1 be construed to require the State to remit any tuition for terms
2 completed by a child prior to the child's application for the
3 benefits provided under this section.

4 (c) The director of the office of veterans' services shall
5 consult with the president of the University of Hawaii to carry
6 out the purposes of this section.

7 §304A- Tuition waivers for children of Hawaii veterans
8 declared prisoners of war or missing in action. (a) Any
9 natural or legally adopted child of a veteran:

10 (1) Classified as a prisoner of war or missing in action
11 after January 1, 1960; and

12 (2) Who filed Hawaii state income taxes for thirty-six
13 consecutive months or more immediately prior to
14 entering active duty in the United States armed
15 forces,

16 shall be entitled to receive a maximum of eight semesters of
17 benefits, specifically for tuition, at the University of Hawaii;
18 provided that the child was born to, adopted by, or in the legal
19 custody of the veteran before or during the time the veteran was
20 classified as a prisoner of war or missing in action, is twenty-
21 one years of age or younger at the time of application, is a
22 full-time or part-time student pursuing a prescribed course of



1 study, and maintains satisfactory academic progress as
2 determined by the college, university, or school; provided
3 further that if the child receives any other benefits from any
4 source specifically designated for tuition, the amount of
5 benefits provided under this section shall be reduced by the
6 amount of the other benefits. Nothing in this section shall be
7 construed to require the State to remit any tuition for terms
8 completed by the children prior to their application for the
9 benefits provided under this section.

10 (b) The director of the office of veterans' services shall
11 consult with the president of the University of Hawaii to carry
12 out the purposes of this section."

13 SECTION 3. The board of regents of the University of
14 Hawaii may adopt, amend, and repeal rules necessary or desirable
15 to the implementation of this Act without regard to the public
16 notice and public hearing requirements of chapter 91, Hawaii
17 Revised Statutes.

18 SECTION 4. In accordance with article X, section 6, of the
19 state constitution, the legislature finds and declares this Act
20 to be of statewide concern.

21 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:  _____

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Report Title:

UH Tuition Waivers; Dependents of Veterans

Description:

Provides tuition waivers for children of military personnel disabled, killed in the line of duty, or declared prisoners of war or missing in action.

