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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 304A-802, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 " ~~[+]§304A-802[+]~~ **College-credit equivalency program**  
4 **established; purpose; policies and procedures; eligibility.** (a)

5 There is established at the university and the community  
6 colleges a college-credit equivalency program. The purpose of  
7 this program is to award college credits to students who are  
8 enrolled in a degree or certificate program at the university or  
9 at a community college and who have successfully completed, at a  
10 high school, business school, trade school, adult education  
11 school, or military training program, courses that are  
12 equivalent to courses offered for credit in the University of  
13 Hawaii system. The program shall also award credits for  
14 professional experience gained through service in the United  
15 States armed forces. Credits may also be awarded for work or  
16 other experiences at the discretion of the university.

17 (b) The university shall be responsible for the  
18 establishment of policies and procedures to administer the



1 program. In this regard, the university, among other things,  
2 shall prepare and make public the following:

3 (1) The list of the high school, business school, trade  
4 school, and adult education school courses for which  
5 college credits may be earned;

6 (2) The number of credits that may be earned for each  
7 course; [~~and~~]

8 (3) The minimum standards or grades necessary to earn  
9 college credits[~~-~~]; and

10 (4) A learning assessment or other criteria to determine  
11 college-level learning gained during service in the  
12 United States armed forces.

13 (c) All students enrolled in a degree or certificate  
14 program at the university or at a community college and who meet  
15 the requirements established under subsection (b) shall be  
16 eligible and awarded college-credit equivalents."

17 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



**Report Title:**

Higher Education; College-Credit Equivalency Program

**Description:**

Amends the University of Hawaii college-credit equivalency program to include service in the United States armed forces. Requires the program to develop a learning assessment to determine eligibility. Effective July 1, 2020. (HB2639 HD1)

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