

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2489 SD2 HD1
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TUITION ASSISTANCE

PRESENTATION TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG
ADJUTANT GENERAL
March 28, 2012

Chair Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee and Committee Members:

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, State Adjutant General. I am testifying on Senate Bill 2489 SD2 HD1.

We strongly support Senate Bill 2489 SD2 HD1, since this measure expands the powers of the governor and the governor's designee in calling the National Guard into active duty. Also, this measure allows the Adjutant General to order the National Guard into active service for non-emergency purposes that are necessary to complete the mission of the department of defense. Finally, it expands the rights of National Guard members granted under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this measure. Are there any questions?