

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 5, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 159
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 159 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support family members of military personnel totally disabled or killed while serving their country. Specifically, this bill requires the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to waive the tuition fee and any other fees for a qualified student who is a child or spouse of such personnel.

The State Department of Defense, Oahu Veterans Council, and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The State Office of Veterans Services, University of Hawaii, and The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii testified in support of the intent of this measure.


Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Stipulating that a child or spouse must be a resident of the State to receive the waiver of the tuition and fees; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 159, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 159, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Veterans,
Military, & International
Affairs, & Culture and the
Arts,



H. MARK TAKAI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

Bill/Resolution No.: HB159	Committee Referral: VMI, HED, FIN	Date: 1/30/13		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
VMI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAI, K. Mark (C)	✓			
2. ITO, Ken (VC)	✓			
3. BROWER, Tom				✓
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.		✓		
6. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg		✓		
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. MCDERMOTT, Bob	✓			
TOTAL (10)	7	2		1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ K. H. Ito				
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