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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TUITION ASSISTANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 121-45, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) The adjutant general, subject to the availability of  
4 funds, may award tuition assistance to qualified enlisted  
5 persons, warrant officers, and [~~company grade~~] officers [~~+0-1~~  
6 ~~through 0-3~~] grades 0-1 through 0-5 in the Hawaii national  
7 guard who are:

8 (1) Residents of the State, as defined by the board of  
9 regents pursuant to section [~~+~~]304A-402[~~+~~]; and

10 (2) [~~Undergraduate students~~] Students working toward a  
11 degree on any campus of the University of Hawaii.  
12 Students working toward an associate or undergraduate  
13 degree shall receive priority consideration for the  
14 awarding of available funding for tuition assistance."

15 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

National Guard; Tuition Assistance

**Description:**

Broadens the scope of tuition assistance to Hawaii national guard members working toward a degree on any campus of the University of Hawaii system. (HB158 HD1)

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# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Written Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Higher Education  
February 7, 2013 at 2:00 pm

by  
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### HB158 HD1 RELATING TO TUITION ASSISTANCE

Chair Choy; Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying on behalf of the University of Hawai'i and its 10 campuses.

HB 158 HD1 broadens the scope of the tuition assistance program. It allows all University of Hawai'i students who are Hawai'i National Guard members to apply for tuition assistance from the Hawai'i National Guard tuition assistance program. In addition, we support the appropriation that was in the original language of HB158, provided that it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our BOR approved budget.

The University appreciates the outstanding service that the Hawai'i National Guard has provided to our state & country. The University is supportive of supporting our service members to improve themselves and their community.

Thank you for your support of the University and the opportunity to comment on this bill.