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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. The legislature finds that each state offers  
2 some form of tuition assistance to members of the national guard  
3 who pursue a college degree. Of the fifty states, approximately  
4 half of the states offer up to one hundred per cent tuition  
5 assistance at in-state or state-supported colleges or  
6 universities. Benefits are subject to available funds and may  
7 be suspended when funding runs out.

8           The purpose of this Act is to:

- 9           (1) Expand the existing tuition assistance program to  
10           qualified Hawaii national guard members to include  
11           students working toward any degree, with priority  
12           given to students with certain household income and  
13           students working toward their undergraduate degrees;  
14           and  
15           (2) Appropriate funds to provide tuition assistance to  
16           students who are members of the Hawaii national guard.

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



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

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

7           (2) [~~Undergraduate students~~] Students working toward a  
8 degree on any campus of the University of Hawaii[+];  
9 provided that the following students shall receive  
10 priority consideration for the award of available  
11 funding for tuition assistance:

12           (A) Students whose household income is no greater  
13 than the most recent Poverty Guidelines for  
14 Hawaii as determined by the United States  
15 Department of Health and Human Services; and

16           (B) Students working toward an undergraduate degree."

17           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and  
20 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
21 year 2014-2015 to provide tuition assistance to members of the



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1 Hawaii national guard who are students working toward a degree  
2 on any campus of the University of Hawaii system.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
4 of defense for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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**Report Title:**

National Guard; Tuition Assistance; Appropriation

**Description:**

Broadens the scope of the tuition assistance to Hawaii National Guard members attending any campus of the University of Hawaii and appropriates funds for that purpose. Gives priority consideration to students with household income that does not exceed the Poverty Guidelines of Hawaii and to students working toward an undergraduate degree. Makes appropriation.

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