
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1 SECTION 1. Veterans of the United States armed forces have
2 protected and served our nation and our state, and many veterans
3 are pursuing higher education at University of Hawaii campuses
4 throughout the State. Therefore, the legislature finds and
5 declares that the issue of granting tuition waivers for veterans
6 who are attending the University of Hawaii is a matter of
7 statewide concern. This Act is thus a matter of statewide
8 concern under the legislature's purview pursuant to article X,
9 section 6, of the Hawaii State Constitution.

10 SECTION 2. Section 304A-502, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 "~~[+]§304A-502[+]~~ **Power of regents to grant tuition**
13 **waivers.** (a) The board of regents, or its designated
14 [~~representatives,~~] representative, is authorized to grant,
15 modify, or suspend tuition waivers.

16 (b) The board may:



- 1 (1) Waive entirely or reduce the tuition fee or any of the
2 other fees for graduate teaching and research
3 assistants;
- 4 (2) Enter into agreements with government and university
5 officials of any other state or foreign country to
6 provide for reciprocal waiver of the nonresident
7 tuition and fee differential;
- 8 (3) Waive the nonresident tuition and fee differential for
9 selected students from Pacific and Asian jurisdictions
10 when their presence would be beneficial to the
11 university or the State;
- 12 (4) Waive entirely or reduce the tuition fee or any of the
13 other fees for students, resident or nonresident; and
- 14 (5) Waive the nonresident tuition and fee differential for
15 members in good standing of the following military
16 units, regardless of their actual state of residence:
- 17 (A) The Hawaii national guard; and
- 18 (B) The federal reserve components of the Army, Navy,
19 Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard who
20 attend drills with units located within the
21 State.



1 (c) Beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year, the board
2 shall waive the nonresident tuition and fee differential for
3 honorably discharged veterans of the United States armed forces
4 who use G.I. Bill education benefits, regardless of their actual
5 state of residence; provided that the veteran shall:

6 (1) Have left the armed forces no more than two years
7 prior; and

8 (2) Sign an intent form to become a resident of Hawaii.

9 (d) The board shall determine the percentage of allowable
10 tuition and fee waivers for financial need and other university
11 priorities. These tuition waivers and waivers of the
12 nonresident tuition and fee differential shall be awarded in
13 accordance with guidelines established by the board.

14 (e) As used in this section, "G.I. Bill education
15 benefits" means any education benefit administered by the United
16 States Department of Veterans Affairs that is designed to assist
17 eligible veterans of the United States armed forces with
18 covering the costs associated with enrollment as a student."

19 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2525;
22 provided that this Act shall not take effect if the board of



- 1 regents of the University of Hawaii adopts specific parameters
- 2 and conditions for tuition and fee differential support for
- 3 honorably discharged veterans by August 1, 2014.



Report Title:

University of Hawaii System; Veterans; Residency; Tuition;
Waiver

Description:

Requires the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to waive the nonresident tuition and fee differential for veterans of the United States armed forces who were honorably discharged and who meet certain conditions, beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year. Effective July 1, 2525, unless the Board of Regents adopts specific parameters and conditions for tuition and fee waivers for veterans by August 1, 2014. (SB2131 HD2)

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