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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO AMEND ITS POLICIES TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE NONRESIDENT TUITION DIFFERENTIAL TO VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, ARMY, COAST GUARD, MARINE CORPS, AND NAVY, WHO WERE HONORABLY DISCHARGED, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ACTUAL STATE OF RESIDENCE.

1 WHEREAS, section 304A-502, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
2 authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to  
3 grant, modify, or suspend tuition waivers; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents, through its internal  
6 policies, grants waivers of the nonresident tuition differential  
7 to the following individuals:  
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- 9 (1) East-West Center student grantees pursuing  
10 baccalaureate or advanced degrees;  
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12 (2) United States military personnel stationed in Hawaii  
13 on active duty, and their authorized dependents during  
14 the period that the personnel are stationed in Hawaii;  
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16 (3) Members of the Hawaii National Guard and the Hawaii  
17 Reserves;  
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19 (4) Native Hawaiians whose domicile is outside of Hawaii;  
20 and  
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22 (5) Employees of the University of Hawaii, their spouses,  
23 and their dependents; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents' current policies do not  
26 offer a waiver of the nonresident tuition differential to  
27 veterans who are honorably discharged from active duty within  
28 the State of Hawaii or to those veterans who want to come to the  
29 State to attend the University of Hawaii; and



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2 WHEREAS, since the Post 9/11 Veterans Education Assistance  
3 Act of 2008 went into effect in 2009, more than 1,500,000  
4 veterans have taken advantage of its benefits to cover the costs  
5 of a college education; and

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7 WHEREAS, since 2009, there has been more than a seventeen  
8 percent increase in the number of veterans using the benefits  
9 provided to them under the Post 9/11 Veterans Education  
10 Assistance Act of 2008; and

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12 WHEREAS, at least twenty states have passed some sort of  
13 legislation or policy waiving in-state residency requirements  
14 for veterans; and

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16 WHEREAS, many states find that universities and colleges  
17 can benefit from having more veterans on campus because of the  
18 kind of leadership and character veterans bring to the  
19 classroom; and

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21 WHEREAS, allowing a waiver of the nonresident tuition  
22 differential to veterans will expand educational opportunities  
23 for veterans by allowing them to attend college within the  
24 University of Hawaii System at the resident tuition rate; now,  
25 therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the  
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Regents  
30 of the University of Hawaii is requested to amend its policies  
31 to grant a waiver of the nonresident tuition differential to  
32 veterans of the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard,  
33 Marine Corps, and Navy, who were honorably discharged,  
34 regardless of their actual state of residence; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents may limit  
37 the waiver of the nonresident tuition differential to veterans  
38 who intend to use the benefits provided to them by the Post 9/11  
39 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2008; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
43 Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, President of the  
44 University of Hawaii at Manoa, Chancellors of each campus of the



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1 University of Hawaii System, and President of the Associated  
2 Students of the University of Hawaii.  
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