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SENATE 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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31 WHEREAS, since the Post 9/11 Veterans Education Assistance
32 Act of 2008 went into effect in 2009, more than 1,500,000



1 veterans have taken advantage of its benefits to cover the costs
2 of a college education; and
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4 WHEREAS, since 2009, there has been more than a seventeen
5 percent increase in the number of veterans using the benefits
6 provided to them under the Post 9/11 Veterans Education
7 Assistance Act of 2008; and
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9 WHEREAS, at least twenty states have passed some sort of
10 legislation or policy waiving in-state residency requirements
11 for veterans; and
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13 WHEREAS, many states find that universities and colleges
14 can benefit from having more veterans on campus because of the
15 kind of leadership and character veterans bring to the
16 classroom; and
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18 WHEREAS, allowing a waiver of the nonresident tuition
19 differential to veterans will expand educational opportunities
20 for veterans by allowing them to attend college within the
21 University of Hawaii System at the resident tuition rate; now,
22 therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014,
26 that the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii is
27 requested to amend its policies to grant a waiver of the
28 nonresident tuition differential to veterans of the United
29 States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy, who
30 were honorably discharged, regardless of their actual state of
31 residence; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents may limit
34 the waiver of the nonresident tuition differential to veterans
35 who intend to use the benefits provided to them by the Post 9/11
36 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2008; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 3 Regents of the University of Hawaii, President of the University
 4 of Hawaii at Manoa, Chancellors of each campus of the University
 5 of Hawaii System, and President of the Associated Students of
 6 the University of Hawaii.

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