

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 7, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2075  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International  
Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No.  
2075 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TUITION ASSISTANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist members of the  
Hawaii National Guard to further their education and achieve a  
higher education degree by broadening the scope of the Hawaii  
National Guard's Tuition Assistance Program (Program).  
Specifically, this bill:

- (1) Expands the Program to include any officers of the  
Hawaii National Guard grades O-1 through O-5;
- (2) Clarifies that any Hawaii National Guard member who is a  
student working toward a degree on any campus of any  
accredited postsecondary educational institution  
authorized by the State, and not just undergraduate  
students would be eligible for tuition assistance;
- (3) Provides priority consideration for tuition assistance  
for Hawaii National Guard members who are working toward  
an undergraduate degree, as well as qualified enlisted  
personnel and warrant officers; and



- (4) Appropriates funds to provide tuition assistance to qualified members of the Hawaii National Guard.

The State Adjutant General and Director of State Civil Defense, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Hawaii-Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Hawaii Alliance of Student Veterans, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation for the provision of tuition assistance from \$1,000,000 to an unspecified sum;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Should the Committee on Finance deliberate on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider appropriating \$1,000,000 to provide tuition assistance to qualified members of the Hawaii National Guard.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2075, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2075, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Veterans,  
Military, & International  
Affairs, & Culture and the  
Arts,

  
K. MARK TAKAI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

HSCA 221-14

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <i>HB 2075</i>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <i>VMI, HED, FIN</i>	<b>Date:</b> <i>FEB. 5, 14</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
<b>VMI Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. TAKAI, K. Mark (C)	✓			
2. ITO, Ken (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen	✓			
4. BROWER, Tom				✓
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
6. CHOY, Isaac W.		✓		
7. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
8. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. MCDERMOTT, Bob				✓
11. WOOLEY, Jessica				✓
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____ <i>[Signature]</i>				
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