

SB 2131

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Testimony

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

Report Title: University of Hawaii System; Veterans; Residency; Tuition; Waiver

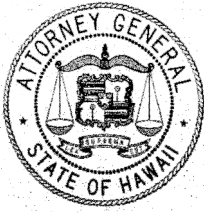
Description: Requires the board of regents of the University of Hawaii to waive the nonresident tuition and fee differential for veterans of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy, who were honorably discharged.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: HRE/PSM, WAM

Introducer(s): KAHELE, CHUN OAKLAND, ENGLISH, ESPERO, GALUTERIA, Dela Cruz, Shimabukuro, Slom, Tokuda



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2014**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2131 RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

BEFORE THE:

**SENATE COMMITTEES ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 **TIME:** 2:50 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 224

TESTIFIER(S): WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY
(For more information, contact Diane Erickson,
Deputy Attorney General, at (808) 586-0618)

Chair Taniguchi and Chair Espero and Members of the Committees:

Senate Bill No. 2131 amends section 304A-502, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by adding a new subsection (c) requiring the Board of Regents, beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year, to waive the nonresident tuition and fee differential for veterans of the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy, and who were honorably discharged, regardless of their actual state of residence.

Article X, section 6, of the Hawaii State Constitution, gives the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents "exclusive jurisdiction over the internal structure, management, and operation of the university." Section 6 further provides that: "This section shall not limit the power of the legislature to enact laws of statewide concern. The legislature shall have the exclusive jurisdiction to identify laws of statewide concern."

The legislature should consider amending this bill to add a provision identifying the bill to be a law of statewide concern.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sara Perry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support our Veterans getting educated at the in-state tuition rate within our UH system. They get kama'aina treatment for many other things, why not extend in-state tuition rates to them as well? It just makes sense. These men and women do a lot for our country, and it is a small thing for our University system to extend this benefit back to them. Many veterans cannot afford to go into debt with student loans to complete or further their college educations, and this would be one way to keep dedicated, hard working students in our system.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I stand in STRONG SUPPORT of this measure. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify as a veteran with 30+ years service.

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