

SB 2191

Testimony

Measure Title:	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.
Report Title:	University of Hawaii; Tuition Waiver; Purple Heart Recipients
Description:	Requires the board of regents of the University of Hawaii to waive the undergraduate tuition fee and up to a certain amount of the graduate tuition fee for students who were awarded the Purple Heart when certain requirements are met.
Companion:	
Package:	None
Current Referral:	HRE/PSM, WAM
Introducer(s):	GABBARD, GALUTERIA, RUDERMAN, English, Espero, Green, Kouchi, Nishihara, Shimabukuro



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committees on Higher Education and
Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 2:50pm, Conference Room 224
By Jan Javinar,
Interim Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

SB2191 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chairs Taniguchi and Espero, Vice Chairs Kahele and Baker, and Members of the Committees:

SB 2191 proposes to require the University of Hawai'i to waive the undergraduate tuition and an unspecified portion of graduate tuition for recipients of the Purple Heart who are residents of the State of Hawai'i.

The University of Hawai'i appreciates the outstanding sacrifice and service that Purple Heart recipients have provided to our country, and we welcome the different life experiences they would bring to the college classroom, adding to the diversity of our campuses. While the University supports the overall intent of this bill, we have concerns about the implementation of the bill's provisions.

The University currently exempts the payment of tuition for select categories of individuals pursuing post-secondary education (i.e. employees, spouses/partners of employees, native Hawaiians with substantial need, and graduate assistants). The approach used by the University for other student categories include tuition revenue scholarships and nonresident tuition differentials.

Currently, tuition revenue scholarships are provided by a percent set aside of tuition revenues per campus for students with financial need and with designated achievement or merit reasons. Nonresident tuition differentials are waived for active duty military members and their spouses as well as those in the National Guard or Reserves. For academic year 2012-2013, a total of 114 National Guard and Reserve personnel received this benefit which amounted to \$774,792 of University foregone revenue. Additionally, in the same period, a total of 1,853 active duty personnel received this benefit amounting to \$9,423,276 of University foregone revenue. Because the amount of Purple Heart recipients who would qualify for the bill's proposed benefit is not known, the fiscal impact of waiving tuition for the University is of concern.

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Amending the bill's provision to eliminate references to being admitted as a summer school student would minimize the hampering.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. The University supports the intent of this bill, provided that this support does not impact the University's budget priorities as articulated in its budget request. We appreciate your support of encouraging our veterans including those receiving Purple Hearts to improve themselves and the communities in which they reside through post-secondary education.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2191, RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEES ON HIGHER EDUCATION and PUBLIC SAFETY,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MR. RONALD P. HAN
DIRECTOR OF STATE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

February 11, 2014

Good afternoon Chairs Taniguchi & Espero; Vice Chairs Kahele & Baker and Members of the Committees

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of the intent of Senate Bill 219, Relating to the University of Hawaii.

This measure would have the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii waive the undergraduate tuition fee and up to a certain amount of the graduate tuition fee for students who were awarded the Purple Heart when certain requirements are met.

The United States owe these Purple Heart recipients an education that will better their future. As an incapacitated individual it will be one less worry for them to improve their well-being. These individuals were wounded in combat at the hands of US enemies, why not grant them assist in obtaining an education.

We defer to the agency with direct responsibility for implementation of the special funds regulations.

The OVS supports the concepts and intent expressed in this measure as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Biennium Budget for Fiscal Year 2015.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Veterans in support of SB 2191.

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February 10, 2014

TO: Honorable Brian Taniguchi , Chair
Committee on Higher Education

Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

FROM: Robert Carroll
Council Member, East Maui

DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014 HRE / PSM ROOM: 224 @ 2:50PM

SUBJECT: **SENATE BILL 2191 , RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in this important measure. I believe that the University of Hawaii should grant tuition waivers for those students who are members of the Hawaii National Guard or active reservists of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. I would also like to ask that those military who have been awarded a Purple Heart be included in the proposed waiver initiative.

Please allow the University of Hawaii Board of Regents to determine the percentage of allowable tuition and fee waivers and waivers of the nonresident tuition and fee differentials in order to ensure that our military personnel will have every opportunity to develop their careers and enrich their lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Carroll".

Robert Carroll
COUNCIL-VICE CHAIR
Council member, East Maui

Date: February 10, 2014

To: The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

From: Mike Golojuch, Lt Col, USAF (Ret), Chair, Advisory Board on Veterans' Services

Subject: Support for SB2191

As the Chair, Advisory Board on Veterans' Services, we support SB2191. We believe service members who were wounded in military or naval combat and received the Purple Heart should receive a tuition fee waiver at any campus of the University of Hawaii system.

This measure thanks the Purple Heart veterans for their service to our country and the sacrifices they made. We can never make these individuals whole but we thank them as they strive to improve themselves by expanding their educational opportunities.

The Board urges that you pass SB2191.

Thank you for the opportunity to express the views of the Advisory Board.

**Testimony to the Senate Committees on Higher Education and Public
Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs**

Tuesday, February 11, 2013

2:50 PM

Conference Room 224

RE: SENATE BILL 2191, RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Taniguchi and Vice Chair Kahale, Chair Espero and Vice Chair Baker,
and members of the committees.

My name is Charles Ota and I am the Vice President for Military Affairs at The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii (The Chamber). I am here to state The Chamber's *support the intent* of Senate Bill 2191, Relating to The University of Hawaii.

The measure proposes to require the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to waive the undergraduate tuition fee and up to a certain amount of the graduate tuition fee for students who were awarded the Purple Heart when certain requirements are met.

The proposed measure will provide tuition waivers for a deserving group of veterans who served with distinction and were awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in military or naval combat against an armed enemy of the United States.

To be consistent with the provisions outlined in SB 2131, Relating to The University of Hawaii, we recommend that the committee consider revising this measure by deleting the requirement for the Purple Heart recipient to be a resident of the state.

In light of the above, we support the intent of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2191 – Relating to the University of Hawaii
Senate Committee on Higher Education &
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
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Aloha Chairs Taniguchi and Espero, Vice Chairs Kahele and Baker, and members of the committees:

The Young Democrats of Hawaii supports Senate Bill 2191, relating to the University of Hawaii.

We're proud to be in support of the Hawaii Alliance of Student Veterans in their efforts in bolstering support and resources made available to our student veterans.

The PURPLE HEART is awarded to members of the armed forces of the U.S. who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action. It is specifically a combat decoration.

SB2191 would allow veterans who suffered severe combat wounds deserve tuition breaks similar to those available to faculty and staff at state universities so they can get on with their lives.

We ask for your favorable consideration of this measure.

With Aloha,


Francis H. Choe
President

The Young Democrats of Hawaii represents over 1500 registered Young Democrats, between the ages of 16 and 35. We strive to stimulate in young people an active interest in governmental affairs, promote their involvement in the political process, increase the political strength of young people, and provide the highest degree of social justice and equal opportunity for Hawaii's people.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brad Parsons	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: There's a lot of Purple Hearts out there, Senators.

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Glenn Ida	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for Honoring our local Wounded Warriors with this substantial benefit. Glenn Ida USN 1968-1974

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
IRA CALKINS	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: IRA CALKINS GOVERNMENTAL RESEARCHER 730 Captain Cook Ave Unit 426 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-2161 Your actions will prove the following assertions to be the truth and factual. The Democratic Party Line has taken away the voice of the people in the making of laws. Taxation with out representation in the State of Hawaii. It appears the Hawaii State Legislators are being blackmailed in to voting the Democratic party line, or else the Democratic Party will not support the State of Hawaii Legislators in all state wide elections. It does not matter what the tax payers think, the Democratic Party line lays down the law on all bills before the State of Hawaii Legislature. The chairman's in all committee meetings has a predisposed script to follow that the Speaker of the House, and the Speaker of the Senate has given the Committee Chairs to follow, to instruct the committee members how to vote on a any given measures, all Bills in all committees of the State of Hawaii Legislature. It is determined ahead of time by the Democratic Party members how a committee member will vote when staying with in the party line on any given Bill in the State of Hawaii Legislature, Democracy has been taken away from the tax payers in the State of Hawaii. Ira Calkins Honolulu 4696434 or 3498667 FAX 808-545-4707 Washington D.C. 202-697-9782

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Steven Roush	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii should join other states that have enacted similar policies in support of our veterans.

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Raymond	non-profit	Support	Yes

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith T. Ribbentrop	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: These young men and women have made significant personal sacrifice and deserve every educational opportunity that can be provided.

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Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	No

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