

SB 2191

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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



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

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2191 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. 2191 amends section 304A-502, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by adding two new subsections (c) and (d) requiring the Board of Regents, beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year, to waive the nonresident tuition fee for individuals enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs for recipients of the Purple Heart who meet criteria specified in the bill.

Article X, section 6, of the Hawaii State Constitution, gives the University of Hawaii 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
John Baumgartner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Sergeant Major John Baumgartner US Army (ret). I am a disabled Veteran and a Purple Heart recipient. Each wounded veteran faces new challenges: readjusting, rebuilding their lives, and reconnecting with their families. For many of our wounded veterans, a college degree was one of the things they put on hold until after they answered their country's call. The Veterans Administration has provided some programs like the GI Bill, but these programs do not cover all Purple Heart recipients, and the ones it does cover only get 36 Months of coverage. This leaves a college degree often unattainable and unaffordable for many Purple Heart recipients. What I am asking you today is that you support this Bill and do something good for the young men and women that have returned to us burned and broken from the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan. These young people are our country's best and brightest, and by supporting them we will be helping ourselves in the long run. Thank You

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Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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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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