
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COLLEGE SERVICE CORPS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The mission of the Peace Corps includes
2 providing technical assistance, helping people outside the
3 United States to understand American culture, and helping
4 Americans to understand the cultures of other countries. Former
5 Peace Corps volunteers are eligible for tuition reduction or
6 full scholarships at various master's and doctoral programs in
7 the United States.

8 The purpose of this measure is to encourage recent high
9 school graduates to volunteer for a similar corps program in
10 Hawaii by providing educational benefits to individuals who have
11 successfully completed a Hawaii college services corps program.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding a new section to part II, subpart B, to be
14 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

15 "§304A- Hawaii college service corps program. (a)
16 There is established the Hawaii college service corps program to
17 be placed within the University of Hawaii for administrative



1 Section 3. No later than July 1, 2018, the University of
2 Hawaii shall publish a list of college service corps programs
3 that qualify for tuition waivers and college credit pursuant to
4 this Act. In establishing the list of qualified college service
5 corps programs, the University of Hawaii:

6 (1) Shall consult with the department of land and natural
7 resources, division of conservation and resources
8 enforcement, in determining the feasibility of
9 establishing patrol assignments as a qualified college
10 service corps program;

11 (2) Shall consult with the department of education in
12 determining the feasibility of alleviating teacher
13 shortages by establishing teaching assistant positions
14 as a qualified college service corps program; and

15 (3) May consult with other government entities, including
16 other departments and the counties, in determining the
17 feasibility of establishing assignments, internships,
18 or positions as a qualified college service corps
19 program.

20 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



1 purposes. The purpose of the program shall be to encourage
2 recent high school graduates to participate in college service
3 corps programs by rewarding those individuals with tuition
4 waivers and college credit for subsequent enrollment in schools
5 within the University of Hawaii system.

6 (b) Each full year of successful participation in a
7 qualifying college service corps program shall qualify the
8 participant for four semesters of tuition waivers. No
9 participant shall earn more than eight semesters of tuition
10 waivers pursuant to this section.

11 (c) Each month of successful participation in a qualifying
12 college service corps program shall earn the participant one
13 credit hour, or equivalent thereof, up to a maximum of twenty-
14 four credit hours.

15 (d) Tuition waivers and credit hours shall apply to an
16 associate's or bachelor's degree at a school within the
17 University of Hawaii system.

18 (e) The university of Hawaii may seek private donations to
19 offset the costs of providing tuition waivers pursuant to this
20 section."



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

College Service Corps; University of Hawaii

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii college service corps to provide recent high school graduates with tuition waivers and college credit for participation in qualifying college service corps programs.

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