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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2089, RELATING TO TUITION ASSISTANCE

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, &
CULTURE AND THE ARTS

BY

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February 01, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Good morning, Chair LoPresti, Vice Chair Fukumoto, and members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of the concepts in House Bill 2089.

This measure permits the Adjutant General to extend the University of Hawaii tuition assistance awards to qualified retired Hawaii National Guard enlisted personnel, warrant officers, and company grade officers.

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 Budget.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Veterans and their families.



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By
Donald O. Straney, Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy
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HB 2089 – RELATING TO TUITION ASSISTANCE

Chair LoPresti, Vice Chair Fukumoto, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2089 that permits the Adjutant General to extend the University of Hawai'i tuition assistance awards to qualified retired Hawai'i National Guard enlisted persons, warrant officers, and company grade officers.

The University of Hawai'i has no position on this bill but welcomes working with the Adjutant General in educating their retired Hawai'i National Guard enlisted persons, warrant officers, and company grade officers. UH defers to the Adjutant General on whether sufficient funding is available to implement the amendments addressed in the bill.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide comments on HB 2089.