

ACT 255

H.B. NO. 3055

A Bill for an Act Relating to Tuition Waivers for Veterans.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 304-14.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) Subject to this section, the board of regents shall waive all tuition fees for the regular academic year for any veteran of the armed forces of the United States of America who:

- (1) Served in the Southeast Asia theater of conflict during the Vietnam era[;] or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign or expedition medal has been authorized, including Korea, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, and Southwest Asia (Desert Shield or Desert Storm);
- (2) Was discharged from the armed forces of the United States of America under conditions other than dishonorable;
- (3) Is not eligible, at the time of application for a waiver under this section, for educational benefits under any federal veterans benefit program;
- (4) Is an undergraduate student working towards a degree on any campus of the University of Hawaii; and
- (5) Is a resident of the State of Hawaii, as defined by the board of regents under section 304-4.”

SECTION 2. Section 304-14.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

“(c) No person shall be granted tuition waivers for more than five regular academic years. No tuition shall be waived for courses offered under the programs of the college of continuing education and community services. No tuition waiver shall be granted for any regular academic year which begins after September [1993.] 2003.

(d) To be eligible for a tuition waiver, an applicant shall obtain certification from the United States Department of Veterans [Administration] Affairs that the veteran meets the qualifications under subsection (a)(1), (2), and (3) and present the certification to the university at the time of application for the waiver.

(e) The board of regents may request the United States Department of Veterans [Administration] Affairs to submit reports periodically on the impact and benefit of the tuition waivers granted under this section.”

SECTION 3. Section 304-14.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (h) to read as follows:

“(h) This section is repealed on June 30, [1994.] 2004.”

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 1994.

(Approved June 29, 1994.)