
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TUITION ASSISTANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that each state offers
2 some form of tuition assistance to members of the national guard
3 who pursue a college degree. Of the fifty states, approximately
4 half of the states offer up to one hundred per cent tuition
5 assistance at in-state or state-supported colleges or
6 universities. Benefits are subject to available funds and may
7 be suspended when funding runs out.

8 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 9 (1) Expand the existing tuition assistance program to
10 qualified Hawaii national guard members to include
11 students working toward any degree, with priority
12 given to students working toward their undergraduate
13 degrees; and
- 14 (2) Appropriate funds to provide tuition assistance to
15 students who are members of the Hawaii national guard.

16 SECTION 2. Section 121-45, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 "(a) The adjutant general, subject to the availability of
2 funds, may award tuition assistance to qualified enlisted
3 persons, warrant officers, and [~~company grade~~] officers [~~+0-1~~
4 ~~through 0-3~~] in the Hawaii national guard who are:

5 (1) Residents of the State, as defined by the board of
6 regents pursuant to section [~~+~~]304A-402[~~+~~]; and

7 (2) [~~Undergraduate students~~] Students working toward a
8 degree on any campus of the University of Hawaii[~~-~~];
9 provided that students working toward an undergraduate
10 degree shall receive priority consideration for the
11 awarding of available funding for tuition assistance."

12 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to provide
15 tuition assistance to members of the Hawaii national guard who
16 are students working toward a degree on any campus of the
17 University of Hawaii system.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
19 defense for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
2 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2012.



Report Title:

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Description:

Broadens the scope of the tuition assistance to Hawaii National Guard members attending the University of Hawaii and appropriates funds for that purpose. (SD1)

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