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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION AWARENESS AND  
COMPLIANCE ACT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes that sufficient  
2 armed strength must be maintained to ensure the national  
3 security of the United States. In a free society, the  
4 obligations and privileges of serving in the armed forces and  
5 the reserve components should be shared in accordance with a  
6 system of selection that is fair and just and consistent with  
7 maintaining an effective national economy.

8           The legislature finds that to achieve these national  
9 security goals, the United States Congress has enacted the  
10 United States Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. 3801 et  
11 seq.), which requires all male citizens and males residing in  
12 the United States, except for lawfully admitted non-immigrants,  
13 to register with the Selective Service System upon reaching the  
14 age of eighteen.

15           The legislature further finds that any person who is not in  
16 compliance with the Military Selective Service Act is ineligible



1 for federal student financial assistance and employment within  
2 the executive branch of the federal government.

3 The purpose of this Act is to require compliance with the  
4 Military Selective Service Act to qualify for state financial  
5 assistance for post-secondary education.

6 The legislature finds that these issues are a matter of  
7 statewide concern and fall within the purview of the legislature  
8 pursuant to article X, section 6, of the Hawaii State  
9 Constitution.

10 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by  
11 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read  
12 as follows:

13 "CHAPTER

14 SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION AWARENESS AND COMPLIANCE ACT

15 § -1 Short title. This chapter shall be known as the  
16 "Selective Service Registration Awareness and Compliance Act".

17 § -2 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

18 "Military Selective Service Act" means title 50 United  
19 States Code section 3801 et seq.

20 § -3 Compliance; post-secondary education financial  
21 assistance. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any person



1 who is not in compliance with the Military Selective Service Act  
2 shall be ineligible to receive a loan, grant, scholarship,  
3 tuition waiver, or other financial assistance for post-secondary  
4 education that is provided, supported, or guaranteed by the  
5 State.

6 § -4 Exceptions. A person shall not be denied a right,  
7 privilege, or benefit under this chapter for noncompliance with  
8 the Military Selective Service Act if the person is:

- 9 (1) Under eighteen years of age or over twenty-six years  
10 of age;
- 11 (2) In the armed forces of the United States on active  
12 duty, other than in a reserve unit, has already served  
13 in the armed forces, or has a condition that would  
14 preclude acceptability for military service;
- 15 (3) Neither a United States citizen nor a resident  
16 immigrant;
- 17 (4) A permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the  
18 Pacific Islands or the Northern Mariana Islands; or
- 19 (5) Excused from registration for some other reason  
20 provided by the Military Selective Service Act and  
21 that reason is included in a written statement.



1           §   -5 Severability. If any provision of this chapter or  
2 the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held  
3 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or  
4 applications of this chapter, which can be given without the  
5 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions  
6 of this chapter are severable."

7           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.



**Report Title:**

Selective Service Registration Awareness and Compliance Act;  
State Financial Assistance; Eligibility

**Description:**

Requires compliance with the Military Selective Service Act to  
qualify for state financial assistance for post-secondary  
education. Provides exceptions. Takes effect on 7/1/2018.  
(SD2)

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