Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 17, 2006 H.B. No. 3029

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 3029 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the University of Hawaii to waive or reduce tuition fees for:

- (1) Members of the Hawaii National Guard or federal military reserves in Hawaii;
- (2) Active-duty military personnel who are stationed in Hawaii; and
- (3) Authorized dependents of such persons.

The Department of Defense and Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association supported the bill with amendments. The University of Hawaii supported the intent of the measure.

Your Committee finds that the tuition assistance program for members of the Hawaii National Guard and federal military reserves is an important benefit that is essential to military recruitment and retention and that the proposed tuition waivers recognize the hardships faced by members when activated for deployment. Your Committee also finds that, currently, National Guardsmen who are

recruited from the mainland are not granted resident status for tuition purposes until they have been residing in Hawaii for twelve months.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Granting members of the Hawaii National Guard and their authorized dependents with residence tuition status regardless of their actual state of residence; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3029, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3029, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs,

KEN ITO, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 3029	Date: February 16, 2006			
Committee Referral: HED, PSM, FIN	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended Hold	Pass, with amendments Recommit			
PSM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ITO, Ken (C)				
2. CHONG, Pono (VC)				
3. LEE, Marilyn B.				
4. NAKASONE, Bob				
5. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				
6. SOUKI, Joseph M.				
7. TANAKA, Kameo				
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.				
9. MOSES, Mark S.				
10. STONEBRAKER, Bud				<i>y</i>
TOTAL	8			2
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral,	nittee acronym(did not suppo s)	ort recommendation.	
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:	1			
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