STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1061

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 20, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 623

S.D. 1 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 623, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TUITION ASSISTANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase access to higher education for Hawaii National Guard (HNG) members by:

- (1) Allowing all commissioned HNG officers and HNG members working toward a graduate degree to be awarded tuition assistance;
- (2) Specifying that undergraduate students have priority when tuition assistance is awarded; and
- (3) Appropriating general revenue funds for tuition assistance awards given to HNG members.

The Department of Defense supported this bill.

Your Committee respectfully requests the Committee on Finance to consider the funding issues surrounding this bill in light of current fiscal difficulties. Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the appropriation;
- (2) Changing the effective date as to the remaining section; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 623, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 623, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs,

ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 623 SDI EBM, HED, FIN Date:				
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold				
Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EBM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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5. MANAHAN, Joey				<u> </u>
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11. WARD, Gene	V			
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TOTAL (11)	8			2
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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