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SB 2584 SD1 - RELATING TO TUITION ASSISTANCE

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The purpose of SB 2584 SD1 is to broaden the scope of the Hawai'i National Guard tuition assistance program to include graduate students and appropriate the necessary funds for that purpose.

The University appreciates the outstanding service that the Hawai'i National Guard has provided to our state and country. The University is proud to have more than 300 Hawai'i National Guard students enrolled at our campuses with a third of them receiving an exemption to non-resident tuition.

The University is supportive of providing our service members the opportunity to improve themselves and their community. Therefore, the University is in support of this bill to provide tuition assistance to undergraduate and graduate students attending the University of Hawai'i who are members of the Hawai'i National Guard.

Thank you for your support of the University and the opportunity to comment on this bill.