A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 304A-402, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[+] §304A-402[+] Residence for tuition purposes; basic

4 rule. The board of regents shall adopt [the necessary] rules

5 defining residence for tuition purposes herein; provided that

6 the basic rule shall be that a student shall qualify for the

resident tuition fee [only] if the following criteria are met:

(1) The adult student, or in the case of a minor student,

9 the student's parents or guardians, has or have been a

10 bona fide resident of this State for at least twelve

consecutive months next preceding the student's first

day of officially scheduled instruction for any

semester or term in which the student is enrolling at

14 the particular college or campus; and

15 (2) The adult or minor student has not been claimed as a

16 dependent for tax purposes for at least twelve months

next preceding the student's first day of officially

1		scheduled instruction for any semester or term in
2		which the student is enrolling at the particular
3		college or campus by the student's parents or
4		guardians who are nonresidents of the State; provided
5		that this provision shall not apply in cases where the
6		parent claiming the student as a dependent is entitled
7		to do so under a child support order or agreement
8		issued or entered into in conjunction with a divorce
9		proceeding or legal separation agreement and the other
10		parent and the student meet the criteria set forth in
11		paragraph (1)."
12	SECT	TON 2. Section 304A-502, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13	amended t	o read as follows:
14	" [-[]	§304A-502[] Power of regents to grant tuition] Tuition
15	waivers.	(a) The board of regents, or its designated
16	represent	atives, [is authorized to] <u>may</u> grant, modify, or
17	suspend t	uition waivers.
18	<u>(b)</u>	The board may:
19	(1)	Waive entirely or reduce the tuition fee or any of the
20		other fees for graduate teaching and research
21		assistants;

T	(2)	Enter into agreements with government and university
2		officials of any other state or foreign country to
3		provide for reciprocal waiver of the nonresident
4		tuition and fee differential;
5	(3)	Waive the nonresident tuition and fee differential for
6		selected students from Pacific and Asian jurisdictions
7		when their presence would be beneficial to the
8		university or the State;
9	(4)	Waive entirely or reduce the tuition fee or any of the
10		other fees for students, resident or nonresident; and
11	(5)	Waive the nonresident tuition and fee differential for
12		members in good standing of the following military
13		units, regardless of their actual state of residence:
14	•	(A) The Hawaii national guard; and
15		(B) The federal reserve components of the <u>United</u>
16		States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and
17		Coast Guard who attend drills with units located
18		within the State.
19	<u>(c)</u>	Beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, the board
20	shall wai	ve the nonresident tuition and fee differential for a
21	student w	ho:
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1	(1)	Has served in the armed forces of the United States	
2		for two years;	
3	(2)	Was relieved or discharged from that service with	
4		either an honorable discharge or a general discharge	
5		under honorable conditions; and	
6	(3)	Provides proof that the student has established a	
7		physical presence in Hawaii within twelve months of	
8		being enrolled at the University of Hawaii campus,	
9		including any community college.	
10	<u>(d)</u>	Any person who served in the Armed Forces of the	
11	United St	ates and who receives federal tuition benefits in	
12	excess of	the tuition and fees the person is charged at a	
13	Universit	y of Hawaii campus, including any community college,	
14	shall pay	tuition and fees equal to the federal tuition benefits	
15	received.		
16	<u>(e)</u>	The board shall determine the percentage of allowable	
17	tuition a	nd fee waivers for financial need and other university	
18	priorities. These tuition waivers and waivers of the		
19	nonreside	nt tuition and fee differential shall be awarded in	
20	accordance with guidelines established by the board."		

- 1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Veteran; In-State Tuition; Resident

Description:

Allows United States service military veterans to pay resident tuition at the UOH campuses.

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