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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

SECTION 1. Section 304A-502, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 1 2 amended to read as follows: 3 "[+]§304A-502[+] Power of regents to grant tuition 4 waivers. (a) The board of regents, or its designated representatives, is authorized to grant, modify, or suspend 5 6 tuition waivers. (b) The board may: 7 8 (1)Waive entirely or reduce the tuition fee or any of the other fees for graduate teaching and research assistants; 10 Enter into agreements with government and university 11 (2) 12 officials of any other state or foreign country to 13 provide for reciprocal waiver of the nonresident 14 tuition and fee differential; (3) Waive the nonresident tuition and fee differential for 15 16 selected students from Pacific and Asian jurisdictions

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1		when their presence would be beneficial to the
2		university or the State;
3	(4)	Waive entirely or reduce the tuition fee or any of the
4		other fees for students, resident or nonresident; and
5	(5)	Waive the nonresident tuition and fee differential for
6		members in good standing of the following military
7		units, regardless of their actual state of residence:
8		(A) The Hawaii national guard; and
9		(B) The federal reserve components of the Army, Navy
10		Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard who
11		attend drills with units located within the
12		State.
13	(c)	Beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, the board
14	shall wai	ve the tuition fee for each recipient of the Purple
15	Heart who	<u>:</u>
16	(1)	Is admitted as a full-time, part-time, or summer
17		school student in an undergraduate program of study
18		within the university leading to a degree;
19	(2)	Is a resident of the State; and
20	(3)	Submits verification from the Department of Veterans
21		Affairs that the student was awarded the Purple Heart



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1		by the United States Department of Defense for wounds
2		received in military or naval combat against an armed
3		enemy of the United States.
4	(d)	Beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, the board
5	shall wai	ve the tuition fee up to \$ for each recipient
6	of the Pu	rple Heart who:
7	(1)	Is admitted as a full-time, part-time, or summer
8		school student in a graduate program of study within
9		the university leading to a degree;
10	(2)	Is a resident of the State; and
11	(3)	Submits verification from the Department of Veterans
12		Affairs that the student was awarded the Purple Heart
13		by the United States Department of Defense for wounds
14		received in military or naval combat against an armed
15		enemy of the United States.
16	<u>(e)</u>	The board shall determine the percentage of allowable
17	tuition and fee waivers for financial need and other university	
18	prioritie	s. 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 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Tuition Waiver; Purple Heart Recipients

Description:

Requires the board of regents of the University of Hawaii to waive the undergraduate tuition fee and up to a certain amount of the graduate tuition fee for students who were awarded the Purple Heart and meet other requirements.

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