

SB 468

RELATING TO THE SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION AWARENESS AND COMPLIANCE ACT

Requires compliance with the Military Selective Service Act to be eligible for enrollment in a state-supported post-secondary institution, qualify for state financial assistance for post-secondary education, or be eligible for state or county employment or service.
Provides exceptions.

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 468
A BILL RELATING TO THE SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION
AWARENESS AND COMPLIANCE ACT

PRESENTATION TO
THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
and
HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ARTS

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February 17, 2015

Chair Espero, Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Baker, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Senate Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, and Higher Education and the Arts:

I am Brigadier General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **support** of Senate Bill 468.

This measure prohibits, subject to various exceptions, any male who has failed to register with the Selective Service System from:

- Enrolling at, or receiving education from, any campus of the University of Hawaii System;
- Receiving educational financial assistance from the State; and
- Being eligible for state employment or service.

I submit the following comments for consideration to revise this measure. In paragraph 5, Exemptions, subparagraph (2) (Page 4, line 11), it states:

In the armed forces of the United States on active duty, other than in a reserve or National Guard unit or has already served in the armed forces or has a condition that would preclude acceptability for military service

I ask that "*or National Guard unit*" be removed from the subparagraph. Selective service registration is a checklist item for enlistment into both the Hawaii Army and Air National Guard. Recruiters assist individuals who have not completed their Selective service registration prior to enlistment.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **support** of Senate Bill 468.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
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Chairs Espero & Taniguchi, Vice Chairs Baker & Inouye, and Members of the
Committees:

SB 468 codifies the US Military Selective Service Act (50 USC App 451) into Hawai'i
Revised Statutes. By doing so, state law will subsequently require college applicants to
comply with the provisions of the Military Selective Service Act in order to:

- (1) Be eligible for enrollment in a state-supported institution of higher education;
- (2) Qualify for state financial assistance for post-secondary education; and
- (3) Be eligible for state or county employment or service.

The intent of SB 468 is laudable; however, the University has concerns about its
"implement ability."

All individuals who apply for federal financial aid through the Free Application for
Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are data matched through the Selective Service
confirmation process and males are afforded the option to automatically register for
Selective Service. This FAFSA information is downloaded to the University's student
information system. Since not all high school graduates venture into higher education
nor apply for federal financial aid, the yield to the US Military Selective Service may not
be as optimal as anticipated. If the goal is to maximize compliance with the federal
selective service law, then perhaps, the yields would be greater if requiring all age
appropriate males to comply with the requirements *prior to graduating from high school*.

For college admissions purposes, the University does not currently require confirmation
of compliance before admitting applicants. Doing so will require the University
admissions offices to secure and retain a verification from the student applicant that he
has registered with the Selective Service. This requirement will delay the individual's
college selection decision-making and may deter an applicant from entering the
University, encouraging him to seek admissions at non University of Hawai'i institutions
where the requirement to confirm registration prior to admission may be non-existent.

In gauging the practices across the country, the University was only able to confirm that
the University of Texas System has a requirement for proof of Selective Service

registration tied to receiving federal and state aid. There does not appear to be a similar requirement for admissions to one of the campuses of the University of Texas System.

Should SB 468 pass, there will be major impacts on the workload of frontline operations, involving the altering of computerized and manual workflows to the University admissions and financial aid application processes. This will involve overtime and/or the need for additional human resources to comply. SB 468 has the potential of negatively affecting student enrollments which will have a consequential impact on the quality of student life as well as the financial resources available on the University's campuses.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure. The University understands the intent of this bill, and is concerned about the impact of it on operations, workflow, and enrollment.

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Comments:

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