STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 5 , 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2089 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2018 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 2089 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase accessibility to higher education through the State's tuition assistance program for Hawaii National Guard members who are students in a degree program at the University of Hawaii. This measure expands eligibility for the existing tuition assistance program to include qualified enlisted persons, warrant officers, and certain company grade officers of the Hawaii National Guard who are retired.

The Adjutant General and Office of Veterans Services testified in support of the intent of this measure. The University of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to June 15, 2215, to facilitate further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No.

2089, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2089, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts,

MATTHEW S. LOPPESTI, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date	e: , /	
HB2089	VMI, HED FIN	J	2/1/18	
☐ 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)				
VMI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LoPRESTI, Matthew S. (C)	/			
2. FUKUMOTO, Beth (VC)				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
4. CHOY, Isaac W.	/			
5. ITO, Ken				
6. OHNO, Takashi				
7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
P. TOVIOVA James Vancous				
8. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
9. WOODSON, Justin H.				
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10. WARD, Gene				
70. Willey Gene				
TOTAL (10)	7			1
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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