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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TUITION WAIVERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the authority of
2 granting tuition waivers by the University of Hawaii system,
3 including its community colleges, is a matter of statewide
4 concern.

5 The purpose of this Act is to require the University of
6 Hawaii system and its community colleges to waive tuition for
7 the dependent children of disabled veterans, or active or
8 reserve members of the armed forces who were killed in action,
9 subject to certain requirements.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
12 designated and to read as follows:

13 "§304A- Tuition waivers; children of eligible veterans.

14 (a) The University of Hawaii, including its community colleges,
15 shall waive tuition for any qualified student who demonstrates
16 financial need and is a dependent child of:

17 (1) A disabled veteran;



1 (2) An eligible veteran or national guard member who was
2 killed in action while engaged in active federal
3 military or naval service; or

4 (3) A purple heart medal recipient, alive or deceased,
5 awarded in 2001 or later;
6 who has been domiciled in the State for at least five years
7 or was domiciled in the State for at least five years at
8 the time of their death.

9 (b) For purposes of this section:

10 "Dependent child" includes an adopted child or stepchild
11 that has been a dependent of a veteran, national guard member,
12 or purple heart recipient described in subsection (a) for at
13 least five years prior to their application for a tuition waiver
14 at a University of Hawaii campus.

15 "Disabled veteran" means a veteran who is determined by the
16 United States Department of Veterans Affairs to have a service-
17 connected one hundred per cent disability rating for
18 compensation or a service-connected disability rating of one
19 hundred per cent due to the physical or psychological injuries
20 received while on duty with the armed forces of the United
21 States.



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1 "Eligible veteran or national guard member" means a veteran
2 or national guard member who was an active or reserve member of
3 the United states military or naval forces, or a national guard
4 member called to active duty, who served in the active federal
5 service under title 10 or title 32 of the United States Code, in
6 a war or conflict fought on foreign soil, in international
7 waters, or in another location in support of those serving on
8 foreign soil or in international waters.

9 "Qualified student" means a student under the age of
10 twenty-four.

11 (c) The board of regents may adopt rules pursuant to
12 chapter 91 to implement this section."

13 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

UH Tuition Waivers; Military; Children

Description:

Requires UH and the community colleges under certain circumstances to waive tuition for dependent children of service-connected one hundred per cent disability veterans and active or reserve members of the armed forces who were killed in action.

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