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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 the  
2       University of Hawaii system, including its community colleges,  
3       to grant tuition waivers is a matter of statewide concern.

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

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

12      "§304A-       Tuition waivers; children of eligible veterans.

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

16      (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       who has been a dependent of a veteran, national guard member, or  
12       purple heart medal recipient described in subsection (a) for at  
13       least five years prior to the child's application for a tuition  
14       waiver 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.



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 years.

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 on July 1, 3000.



# H.B. NO. 426 H.D. 1

**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, active or reserve members of the armed forces who were killed in action, and purple heart medal recipients awarded in 2001 or later. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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