

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA



**GOV. MSG. NO. 1165**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

May 29, 2026

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate,  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on May 29, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 2138, H.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD  
STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.  
**ACT 065**

Mahalo,

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Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 121-45, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3           "(a) The adjutant general, subject to the availability of  
4 funds, may award tuition assistance to qualified enlisted  
5 persons, warrant officers, and company grade officers (0-1  
6 through 0-3) in the Hawaii national guard who are:

7           (1) Residents of the State, as defined by the board of  
8 regents pursuant to section [+]304A-402[+]; and

9           (2) Undergraduate and graduate students working toward a  
10 degree on any campus of the [~~University~~] university of  
11 Hawaii."

12           SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.



S.B. NO. 2138  
H.D. 1  
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 29th day of May, 2026

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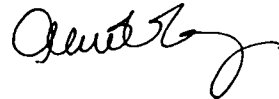
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: May 6, 2026  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2026.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2138, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 6, 2026  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026.



Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives