

Honolulu, Hawaii  
**FEB 18** , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1751  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 1751, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD  
STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Adjutant  
General to expand the Hawaii National Guard State Tuition  
Assistance Program to include graduate degrees at the University  
of Hawaii for qualified personnel in the Hawaii National Guard.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the University of Hawai'i System; Department of Defense;  
Hawai'i Army National Guard; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure supports workforce  
retention within Hawaii by providing qualified Hawaii National  
Guard members with access to affordable graduate education at the  
University of Hawaii. This measure offers an additional pathway  
toward tuition assistance at the state level and offers greater  
chance for Hawaii National Guard members to apply their skills  
locally and continue serving the people of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report,



your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1751, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Higher Education,



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ANDREW TAKUYA GARRETT, Chair



