

ACT 221

H.B. No. 359

A Bill for an Act Relating to National Guard and Reserve Tuition Waivers.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 304-14.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“[[§304-14.6[]] **National guard and military reservists; tuition waiver.** (a) The board of regents shall waive all tuition fees for any qualified enlisted person, warrant or company grade officer (0-1 through 0-3) in the Hawaii national guard or in the reserve components of the army, navy, air force, marine corps, and coast guard of the United States of America who is a resident of the State as defined by the board of regents under section 304-4 and who is an undergraduate student working towards a degree on any campus of the University of Hawaii; provided that the exemption for tuition shall be applicable only for the academic year excluding summer session and courses offered by the college of continuing education and public service which are not directly supported by an appropriation from the state general fund; and provided that the person maintains a satisfactory performance with that person's guard or reserve unit and pursues a course of study at the University of Hawaii campus which satisfies that school's academic requirements.

(b) The Hawaii national guard and the reserve components of the army, navy, air force, marine corps, and coast guard of the United States of America shall establish certification procedures showing maintenance of a satisfactory military performance by a person applying for a tuition waiver herein. To qualify for a tuition waiver, an applicant shall obtain certification by the appropriate national guard or reserve force and present such certification to the University of Hawaii at the time of enrollment.

(c) Tuition waivers granted under this section shall be in addition to any tuition waivers authorized under this chapter.

(d) In the event of enactment of federal legislation providing for similar tuition benefits, any person receiving veterans or federal education benefits shall not be eligible for tuition waiver under this section.

(e) The board of regents may adopt, amend, and repeal rules necessary or desirable to the implementation of this section, subject to [the provisions of] chapter 91.

[(f) This section is repealed effective June 30, 1984.]”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 31, 1984.)