

**ACT 309**

H.B. NO. 2608-86

A Bill for an Act Relating to Tuition Waivers for Veterans.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 304, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“§304- Tuition waiver for veterans.** (a) Subject to this section, the board of regents shall waive all tuition fees for the regular academic year for any veteran of the armed forces of the United States of America who:

- (1) Served in the Southeast Asia theater of conflict during the Vietnam era;
- (2) Was discharged from the armed forces of the United States of America under conditions other than dishonorable;
- (3) Is not eligible, at the time of application for a waiver under this section, for educational benefits under any federal veterans benefit program;
- (4) Is an undergraduate student working towards a degree on any campus of the University of Hawaii; and
- (5) Is a resident of the State of Hawaii, as defined by the board of regents under section 304-4.

(b) For the purpose of this section:

“Regular academic year” means the September to May academic year of the day program;

“Vietnam era” means the period from August 5, 1964, to May 7, 1975.

(c) No person shall be granted tuition waivers for more than five regular academic years. No tuition shall be waived for courses offered under the programs of the college of continuing education and community services. No tuition waiver shall be granted for any regular academic year which begins after September 1990.

(d) To be eligible for a tuition waiver, an applicant shall obtain certification from the federal Veterans Administration that the veteran meets the qualifications under subsection (a)(1), (2), and (3) and present the certification to the university at the time of application for the waiver.

(e) A tuition waiver under this section shall be considered a financial aid unit for the purpose of computing the maximum allowable financial aid units authorized for an academic year under section 304-17.

(f) The board of regents may request the federal Veterans Administration to submit reports periodically on the impact and benefit of the tuition waivers granted under this section.

(g) The board of regents may adopt, amend, and repeal rules in accordance with chapter 91 which are necessary for the implementation of this section.

(h) This section is repealed on June 30, 1991.”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

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

(Approved May 30, 1986.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.