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Chairs Takumi, Waters, and Vice Chairs Berg, and Shimabukuro and
Members of the Committees:

The University supports SB 1394 SD 2 Section 3 which proposes that the
University of Hawai‘i shall establish a program to allow for readmission of
returning military personnel into programs to which they have been previously
admitted, provided that the individual is returning from a tour of duty. The
University appreciates and acknowledges the special and important contributions
made to our state and our campuses by these individuals, who are deployed for
military duty. Most UH campuses have established programs allowing
readmission of students whose continued enrollment was disrupted by military
deployment, and we are now studying the feasibility of implementing the process
at all campuses.

The University defers to the Department of Defense and Department of
Education on all other sections of the bill, as the programs of these agencies will
be directly impacted by the passage of the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 1394 SD 2 and for your
continuing support of our students.