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Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee:

The University appreciates and supports the intent of HB 3029, HD1. We recognize the significance of the contribution made by these members of the Hawai'i National Guard community and the importance of their service to the safety of our citizens.

The University currently affords all active duty military personnel and their authorized dependents the privilege of paying resident tuition. While we support the intent of HB 3029, HD1, it is unclear how much such reduction in tuition for Hawai'i National Guard non-residents and their dependents would cost and how it could be accommodated. The University of Hawai'i, therefore, respectfully requests legislative appropriation of the required funds, as long as these funds do not adversely affect the University's supplemental budget priorities.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns on HB 3029, HD1. We thank the legislators for your interest in higher education for all citizens and support of our students.