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SB 1969 - RELATING TO TUITION ASSISTANCE

Chair Inouye, Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

The purpose of SB1969 is to broaden the scope of the law that provides tuition assistance to the Hawai`i national guard members who attend the University of Hawai`i and appropriates funds for that purpose.

The University of Hawai`i appreciates the intent of the Legislature to provide financial support for members of the national guard who serve our state and country and who wish to attend the University. The University supports the intent of this bill, as long as it does not replace or adversely impact the University's Board of Regents approved Biennium Budget request.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.