MEMORANDUM

TO: Benjamin Kudo
   Chair, Board of Regents

VIA: David Lassner
     President

Donald O. Straney, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy

FROM: Hae K. Okimoto, Ph.D.
   Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

SUBJECT: Request to Approve Revisions to RP 6.208 Board Exemptions to Non-Resident Tuition Regarding Veteran Tuition

SPECIFIC ACTIONS RECOMMENDED:

For purposes of United States active duty military and individuals receiving VA benefits, their eligibility for in-state tuition and fees shall be consistent with Regents Policy or requirements to maintain approval for VA education benefits under applicable law, 38 U.S.C. 3679).

RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE:

March 1, 2019

PURPOSE:

Section 301 of Public Law 115-251 has further amended 38 U.S.C. 3679(c) to require that individuals using educational assistance under chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E), also be charged the resident rate. Effective for courses, semesters, or terms beginning after March 1, 2019, a public institution of higher learning must charge the resident rate to chapter 31 participants, as well as to
the other categories currently covered under this provision. When an institution charges these individuals more than the rate for resident students, VA is required to disapprove programs of education sponsored by VA.

The purpose of this update to RP 6.208 III.B.6.-9. is to add section B.10 to comply with Public Law 115-251.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the proposed changes to RP 6.208 Board Exemptions to Non-Resident Tuition.

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**Attachments:**

- Current RP 6.208 Board Exemptions to Non-Resident Tuition
- Proposed RP 6.208 Board Exemptions to Non-Resident Tuition (track change version)
- Proposed RP 6.208 Board Exemptions to Non-Resident Tuition (clean format)

**cc:** Kendra Oishi, Executive Administrator & Secretary to the Board of Regents
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C. With the written approval of the chancellor, campuses may, for those nonresident students whose special talents and/or unique skills will make a significant contribution to campus life, exempt the nonresident portion of tuition. If instituted, the total number of exemptions granted in any given year should be established in accordance with the campus’s strategic enrollment management goals, not exceed two percent of campus enrollment in any given year, and be reviewed/promulgated on a biennial basis.

D. Citizens from an eligible Pacific Island district, commonwealth, territory, or insular jurisdiction, state or nation which provides no public higher education institution granting baccalaureate degrees are charged 150 percent of the resident tuition rate. The Office of the President updates and distributes the list of eligible Pacific Island jurisdictions.

IV. Delegation of Authority:

There is no policy specific delegation of authority.

V. Contact Information:

Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, 956-7075, risad@hawaii.edu

VI. References:

- http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/bor/
- EP 6.207
Approved as to Form:

/Signature/  
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