A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Section 304A-802, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

"(a) There is established at the university and the community colleges a college-credit equivalency program. The purpose of this program is to award college credits to students who are enrolled in a degree or certificate program at the university or at a community college and who have successfully completed, at a high school, business school, trade school, adult education school, or military training program, courses that are equivalent to courses offered for credit in the University of Hawaii system. The program shall also award credits for professional experience gained through service in the United States armed forces. Credits may also be awarded for work or other experiences at the discretion of the university.

(b) The university shall be responsible for the establishment of policies and procedures to administer the program. In this regard, the university, among other things, shall prepare and make public the following:

(1) The list of the high school, business school, trade school,
and adult education school courses for which college credits may be earned;

(2) The number of credits that may be earned for each course;

[and]

(3) The minimum standards or grades necessary to earn college credits[ ]; and

(4) A learning assessment or other criteria to determine college-level learning gained during service in the United States armed forces."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.
Report Title:
Higher Education; College-Credit Equivalency Program

Description:
Amends the University of Hawaii college-credit equivalency program to require the award of college credit for service in the United States armed forces. Requires the program to develop a learning assessment to determine eligibility. Effective July 1, 2012. (HB2639 HD2)

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