



BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Hawaii State Legislature, February 24, 2017

Senate Bill No. 419 SD1
Relating to Selective Service

Aloha Chair Gilbert, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee:

The Ka Lāhui Hawaii Political Action Committee (KPAC) opposes SB 419 SD1 Relating to Selective Service.

It already is a Federal requirement for all men ages 18 to 26 to sign up for the Military Selective Service. There is no need for the State to duplicate this, and if a person chooses to not register, it would be a Federal matter.

Signing up for the Military Selective Service should not be a requirement for enrollment at a University of Hawaii campus for anyone, especially for students of Native Hawaiian ancestry. The University of Hawaii at Mānoa is on more than 300 acres of ceded Hawaiian lands and pays no rent to kanaka maoli.

It should not be a requirement to qualify for State financial assistance for post-secondary education at any school. KPAC views such a requirement as a penalty in an environment where attending college should be encouraged, not discouraged.

Registering with the Military Selective Service should not be a requirement for government employment either. The government is Hawaii's largest employer, and such a requirement will reduce the labor pool of public servants because many of our young men will likely decline registering.

Respectfully submitted,

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