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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND A VETERANS  
CENTER.

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

1           SECTION 1. The Hawaii Island Veterans' Memorial, Inc. is a  
2 private, non-profit 501C(3) tax exempt corporation registered  
3 with the State of Hawaii that was formed from veterans groups on  
4 the island of Hawaii in 1997 for the purpose of establishing and  
5 operating a veterans center and meeting place, as well as to  
6 construct affordable housing for veterans and their dependents.  
7 Following several years of planning, fundraising, and attempts  
8 to acquire a suitable site to establish these facilities, a  
9 parcel of state land below the campus of the University of  
10 Hawaii at Hilo was identified. The State transferred the parcel  
11 to the county of Hawaii, which in turn leased it to the Hawaii  
12 Island Veterans' Memorial, Inc.

13           The plan of the Hawaii Island Veterans' Memorial, Inc. is  
14 in two phases. Phase one would establish and operate a multi-  
15 purpose banquet and meeting facility on the project site for the  
16 benefit of veterans groups, surrounding schools and churches,  
17 the University of Hawaii at Hilo, the Hawaii community college,



1 and the general public. The planned facility would also provide  
2 office and activity space for the University of Hawaii at Hilo,  
3 Hawaii community college, the research corporation of the  
4 University of Hawaii, the department of education, and business  
5 and civic groups, including others in the community to host  
6 large group meetings, business roundtables, conferences, and  
7 similar functions.

8 Phase two would construct affordable housing for Hawaii  
9 senior veterans and spouses as well as other eligible seniors in  
10 Hilo.

11 The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation for a  
12 grant for a capital improvement project to the Hawaii Island  
13 Veterans' Memorial, Inc.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,600,000 or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F,  
17 Hawaii Revised Statutes, for capital improvements for fiscal  
18 year 2008-2009 to the Hawaii Island Veterans' Memorial, Inc. for  
19 plans, design, and construction of a multi-purpose banquet and  
20 meeting facility for veterans, including office space for public  
21 agencies, and an affordable housing project (independent living  
22 community for senior veterans).



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
2 defense for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.  
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**Report Title:**

Defense; Affordable Housing; Grant

**Description:**

Makes a grant to the Hawaii Island Veterans' Memorial, Inc. for plans, design, and construction of infrastructure to build affordable housing and a center for Hawaii's veterans.

