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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 363-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:  
3           "**§363-3.5 Advisory board on veterans' services;**  
4 **appointment; duties.** (a) There shall be a policy advisory  
5 board on veterans' services within the office of veterans'  
6 services. The board shall consist of nine members appointed by  
7 the governor as provided in section 26-34. Five members shall  
8 be veterans, and there shall be at least one member residing in  
9 each of the counties of Maui and Kauai. No fewer than two and  
10 no more than four of the five veterans serving on the board  
11 shall be male. The county of Hawaii shall be represented by two  
12 members, one member shall reside in east Hawaii and one member  
13 shall reside in west Hawaii. Four members shall reside in the  
14 city and county of Honolulu. The director of health, the  
15 director of human services, the director of labor and industrial  
16 relations, and the adjutant general shall serve as ex-officio  
17 non-voting members. The director for the office of veterans'  
18 services shall serve as an ex-officio voting member. The



1 chairperson of the board shall be elected by the majority of the  
2 board. For voting members appointed after June 30, 2008, the  
3 term of office shall be three years. The members shall serve  
4 without compensation but shall be allowed their actual and  
5 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.  
6 After June 30, 2008, the board shall meet no fewer than four  
7 times each year.

8 (b) The advisory board shall advise the director in, but  
9 not limited to, the following areas:

- 10 (1) The identification of issues, including issues  
11 affecting female veterans, and alternative approaches  
12 to solutions;
- 13 (2) The development of position statements and papers;
- 14 (3) Advocacy and legislative actions; and
- 15 (4) Program development and operations."

16 SECTION 2. No member serving on the policy advisory board  
17 on veterans' services on the effective date of this Act shall be  
18 displaced by this Act for the remainder of the member's current  
19 term.

20 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Advisory Board on Veterans' Services; Composition; Duties

**Description:**

Changes the composition, terms, and the duties of the advisory board on veterans' services.

