
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES TO DIRECT ITS POLICY
ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERANS' SERVICES TO FORMULATE VETERAN
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OF STATEWIDE APPLICABILITY.

1 WHEREAS, the Office of Veterans' Services is required to
2 assess the policies and practices of other agencies with respect
3 to the delivery of services and benefits to veterans; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Office of Veterans' Services is also required
6 to assemble, analyze, compile, and disseminate factual up-to-
7 date information with respect to the benefits, rights, and
8 services of whatever nature to which veterans are entitled, or
9 which may be available to them; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Office of Veterans' Services has discovered
12 that none of the current laws at different levels of government
13 that provide benefits to certain categories of citizens, such as
14 the poor or disabled, treat veterans as a special category that
15 deserves priority consideration before any other category or
16 group; and
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18 WHEREAS, those current laws neither prioritize veterans as
19 a special category above other categories nor prioritize sub-
20 categories of veterans within the category of veterans, such as
21 the honorably discharged or the disabled; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Office of Veterans' Services is assisted in
24 its functions, duties, and activities by its Policy Advisory
25 Board on Veterans' Services, which is comprised of veterans and
26 the officials from the executive branch in the areas of health,
27 human services, labor and industrial relations, and defense;
28 now, therefore,
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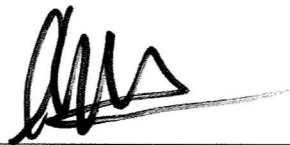
30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



1 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Office of Veterans'
2 Services is requested to direct its Advisory Board on Veterans'
3 Services to formulate veteran eligibility criteria that could be
4 implemented in all state and county laws that provide benefits
5 to its residents relating to health, education, human services,
6 housing, loan financing, business development, and labor; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Veterans'
9 Services is requested to submit a report of any findings and
10 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
11 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of
12 the Regular Session of 2010; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
16 Office of Veterans' Services and the Chair of the Policy
17 Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.
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OFFERED BY:  _____

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