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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY ON ESTABLISHING A VETERANS PREFERENCE IN  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND OTHER STATE AND COUNTY PROGRAMS.

1           WHEREAS, government establishes various preferences for  
2 certain groups of its citizens in determining who should receive  
3 a government service or be benefitted by a government program;  
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6           WHEREAS, these preferences often recognize that certain  
7 groups of persons have a greater need for the service or  
8 program, and can also be used to encourage individuals to  
9 participate in certain activities, and reward and recognize  
10 these individuals for their actions; and

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12           WHEREAS, government should encourage individuals to serve  
13 their country by enlisting in the military, reward the service  
14 and sacrifices of veterans and their families, and recognize the  
15 difficulties of veterans in successfully returning to civilian  
16 life; and

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18           WHEREAS, state and county affordable housing programs such  
19 as Maui County's workforce housing law, establish preferences  
20 for allocation of housing based on criteria such as income,  
21 residency, and prior ownership, but do not contain preferences  
22 for veterans; and

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24           WHEREAS, providing eligible veterans a housing preference  
25 would recognize the service and sacrifices of veterans, and  
26 decrease the difficulty of purchasing and providing a home for  
27 their families in Hawaii; and

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29           WHEREAS, extending or limiting the veterans preference to  
30 widows and widowers of deceased veterans or veterans who are  
31 totally or partially disabled may strengthen the basis for the  
32 preference and focus it on those who have an even greater need



1 for affordable housing and other government programs and  
2 services; now, therefore,  
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
6 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Reference  
7 Bureau is requested to:  
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9 (1) Identify state and county affordable housing programs  
10 in Hawaii and the preference criteria for those  
11 programs;  
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13 (2) Consult with the Policy Advisory Board on Veterans'  
14 Services in developing:

15 (A) Eligibility criteria for a veterans affordable  
16 housing preference; and  
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18 (B) Criteria for preferences benefiting widows and  
19 widowers of deceased veterans, or totally  
20 disabled and partially disabled veterans;  
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22 (3) Identify other government programs and services to  
23 which the preference may be extended; and  
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25 (4) Make findings and recommendations, develop proposed  
26 affordable housing veterans preference legislation,  
27 and report to the Legislature not later than 20 days  
28 before the Regular Session of 2010;  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the  
35 Legislative Reference Bureau and the Director of the Office of  
36 Veterans' Services.  
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OFFERED BY:









