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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING EACH COUNTY TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REAL
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VETERANS.

1 WHEREAS, some mainland jurisdictions provide for a partial
2 real property tax exemption for veterans; and

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4 WHEREAS, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, provides a veterans
5 exemption allowing a \$4,000 reduction off the assessed value of
6 real property; and

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8 WHEREAS, the State of New York allows counties to provide
9 three forms of tax exemptions on real property owned by
10 veterans: an eligible funds veterans' real property tax
11 exemption, alternative veterans' exemption, and Cold War
12 veterans' exemption; and

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14 WHEREAS, according to the Office of Veterans Services of
15 the State Department of Defense, there are an estimated 118,000
16 to 120,000 veterans living in Hawaii; and

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18 WHEREAS, many veterans living in Hawaii also own property
19 and are living on a fixed income; and

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21 WHEREAS, as a tribute to veterans in Hawaii the counties
22 should consider providing them a real property tax exemption;
23 now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature
28 encourages each county to enact an ordinance to provide real
29 property tax exemptions for veterans, as follows:

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31 (1) A one hundred per cent real property tax exemption for
32 totally disabled veterans; and
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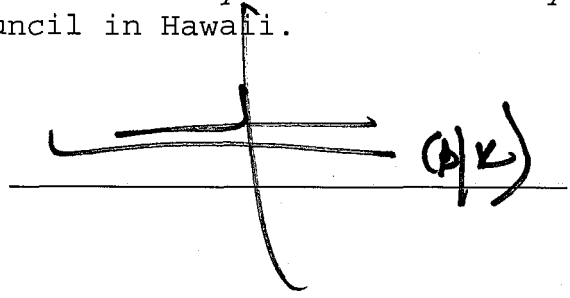
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1 (2) A fifty per cent real property tax exemption for
2 National Defense Service Medal recipients or wartime
3 veterans;
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the mayor of each county
7 and every member of each county council in Hawaii.
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OFFERED BY:

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