



GOV. MSG. NO. 485

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

April 16, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on April 16, 2010, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2139 SD2 HD2

A BILL FOR AN ACT  
RELATING TO VETERANS.  
ACT 027 (10)

Sincerely,

  
LINDA LINGLE

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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 363-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

3           "(c) The director shall have the following principal  
4 functions, duties, and powers:

5           (1) Serve as the principal official in state government  
6 responsible for the performance, development, and  
7 control of programs, policies, and activities under  
8 this chapter;

9           (2) Oversee, supervise, and direct the performance by the  
10 director's subordinates of activities in such areas as  
11 planning, evaluation, and coordination of veterans  
12 programs and development of a statewide service  
13 delivery network;

14           (3) Assess the policies and practices of other agencies  
15 with respect to delivery of services and benefits to  
16 veterans;

17           (4) Administer funds allocated for the office, and apply  
18 for, receive, and disburse grants and donations from



1 all sources for veterans programs and services  
2 provided under this chapter;

3 (5) Establish a clearinghouse for complaints of persons  
4 regarding services to veterans, or operations of state  
5 and county agencies affecting veterans, investigate  
6 such complaints, and refer the complaints and the  
7 director's findings to the appropriate agency for  
8 corrective action;

9 (6) Adopt, amend, and repeal rules pursuant to chapter 91  
10 for the purposes of this chapter;

11 (7) Employ and retain such staff as may be necessary for  
12 the purposes of this chapter, in conformance with  
13 chapters 76, 89, and the appropriate collective  
14 bargaining agreements, executive orders, executive  
15 directives, or rules, except for the position of  
16 coordinator and executive secretary to the director,  
17 who shall be hired without regard to chapters 76 and  
18 89;

19 (8) Contract for or grant such services as may be  
20 necessary for the purposes of this chapter, including  
21 a master contract with other state agencies receiving  
22 federal and state funds for programs and services for



1 veterans, and purchase of service agreements with  
2 appropriate agencies; [and]


3 (9) Oversee the development, establishment, and operation  
4 of a state veterans cemetery on Oahu; develop and  
5 administer the policies and procedures of the state  
6 veterans cemetery in accordance with the United States  
7 Department of Veterans [Administration] Affairs and  
8 existing state guidelines; oversee the maintenance of  
9 state veterans cemeteries on all islands[-]; and

10 (10) Act on behalf of deceased veterans found to be  
11 indigent at the time of death and without surviving  
12 immediate family members to ensure burial or cremation  
13 services are provided and that the veteran's remains  
14 are buried or inurned in a state veterans cemetery."

15 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 16 day of APR, 2010

  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII