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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A MEMORIAL.

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

1           SECTION 1. The freedom and security that citizens of the  
2 United States enjoy today are direct results of the sacrifices  
3 and continued vigilance of the United States armed forces over  
4 the course of our nation's history. The sacrifices of the  
5 members of the United States armed forces have preserved the  
6 liberties of this nation, a rarity in the world community.  
7 Members of the United States armed forces engaged in the Persian  
8 Gulf War from August 2, 1990, to February 27, 1991, which  
9 culminated in the liberation of Kuwait from Iraq. The United  
10 States air-and-land conflict, known as Operation Desert Storm,  
11 began on January 17, 1991, and lasted through April 11, 1991.  
12 Operation Iraqi Freedom was a military campaign led by United  
13 States troops that began on March 20, 2003, and lasted through  
14 August 31, 2010. It was later named Operation New Dawn on  
15 September 1, 2010. Also known as the "War in Afghanistan",  
16 Operation Enduring Freedom is an ongoing war effort that began  
17 on October 7, 2001. On July 24, 1994, Hawaii dedicated the  
18 Korean and Vietnam War Memorial on the grounds of the state



1 capitol. Thus, it is both fitting and necessary for the State  
2 to give tangible and visible recognition of the sacrifices and  
3 contributions of veterans from Hawaii who served in the Persian  
4 Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom,  
5 Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Operation  
6 Northern Watch, Operation Southern Watch, and other Middle East  
7 combat conflicts beginning with Operation Desert Storm.

8 SECTION 2. The office of veterans' services, with the  
9 assistance of the department of accounting and general services  
10 and the department of defense, shall develop a plan to establish  
11 a memorial honoring the veterans of the Persian Gulf War,  
12 Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation  
13 Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Operation Northern Watch,  
14 Operation Southern Watch, and other Middle East combat conflicts  
15 beginning with Operation Desert Storm, on the grounds of the  
16 state capitol near the Korean and Vietnam War memorial or on any  
17 other location on Oahu near the state capitol.

18 The plan shall include proposals to fund the memorial  
19 through a public-private partnership.

20 A public hearing shall be held to receive comments or input  
21 from interested organizations and residents.



1           SECTION 3. The office of veterans' services, department of  
2 accounting and general services, and department of defense shall  
3 submit a report of their findings and recommendations to the  
4 legislature no later than January 1, 2012.

5           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

War Memorial; Middle East Conflicts

**Description:**

Requires the Office of Veterans' Affairs, Department of Accounting and General Services, and Department of Defense to establish a memorial to the veterans of the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Operation Northern Watch, Operation Southern Watch, and other Middle East combat conflicts beginning with Operation Desert Storm. Effective 7/1/2050.  
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