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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY PERSONNEL TO ACT FAVORABLY ON H.R. 2148 AND TO REPORT THE BILL TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR FURTHER ACTION.

1           WHEREAS, Title 5 United States Code section 2108 defines  
2 the term "disabled veteran" to mean an individual who has served  
3 on active duty on the armed forces, has been separated therefrom  
4 under honorable conditions, and has established the present  
5 existence of a service-connected disability or is receiving  
6 compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension because  
7 of a public statute administered by the Department of Veterans  
8 Affairs or a military department; and  
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10           WHEREAS, according to the United States Census, there were  
11 21,900,000 military veterans residing in the United States in  
12 2009; and  
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14           WHEREAS, of those veterans, 3,300,000 had a service-  
15 connected disability, with 652,000 having a disability rating of  
16 at least seventy per cent; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the Defense Commissary Agency was established  
19 under the authority, direction, control, and overall supervision  
20 of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness;  
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23           WHEREAS, the mission of the Defense Commissary Agency is to  
24 provide an efficient and effective worldwide system of  
25 commissaries for the resale of groceries and related household  
26 items at reduced prices to members of the uniformed services,  
27 retired members, dependents of members, and other authorized



1 patrons; to enhance their quality of life and to support  
2 military readiness, recruitment, and retention; and

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4 WHEREAS, the quality of life and ability to earn income may  
5 be limited for a veteran with a service-connected disability,  
6 regardless of the assigned disability rating; and

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8 WHEREAS, authorized commissary patrons include disabled  
9 veterans with a disability rating of one hundred per cent; and

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11 WHEREAS, disabled veterans with a disability rating of less  
12 than one hundred per cent are restricted in accessing commissary  
13 services; and

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15 WHEREAS, H.R. 2148, the Disabled Veterans Commissary and  
16 Exchange Store Benefits Act, which would amend Title 10 of the  
17 United States Code to extend military commissary and exchange  
18 store privileges to veterans with a compensable service-  
19 connected disability and to their dependents, has been  
20 introduced and is pending in the United States House of  
21 Representatives; and

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23 WHEREAS, H.R. 2148 has been referred to the United States  
24 House of Representatives Armed Services Committee and  
25 Subcommittee on Military Personnel; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
28 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
29 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the United States House of  
30 Representatives Armed Services Committee and Subcommittee on  
31 Military Personnel are urged to act favorably on H.R. 2148 and  
32 to report the bill to the United States House of Representatives  
33 for further action; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, regardless of an assigned  
36 disability rating, the Defense Commissary Agency is urged to  
37 allow all disabled veterans authorized access to commissary  
38 facilities; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President, Secretary  
42 of Defense, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and  
43 Readiness, Director of the Defense Commissary Agency, Majority  
44 Leader of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States



1 House of Representatives, and members of Hawaii's congressional  
2 delegation.

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