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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES TO CONVENE A  
VETERANS' SUMMIT IN EACH OF THE VARIOUS COUNTIES AND A  
STATEWIDE SUMMIT TO DEVELOP AND PROMOTE COLLABORATION AMONG  
THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO  
VETERANS.

1           WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are more than twenty  
2 million veterans who have served in the United States armed  
3 forces; and

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5           WHEREAS, there are more than one hundred twenty thousand  
6 veterans living in Hawaii, constituting approximately ten per  
7 cent of the State's population; and

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9           WHEREAS, there is a broad range of services provided to  
10 veterans at the federal, state, and county levels; and

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12           WHEREAS, there are also a number of private organizations  
13 that advocate for veterans' rights and benefits while preserving  
14 the memory of those who have served in the armed services; and

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16           WHEREAS, further collaboration among the various public and  
17 private service providers would improve the efficiency of the  
18 provision of services to veterans; now, therefore,

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20           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
22 of 2012, that the Office of Veterans Services is requested to  
23 convene a veterans' summit in each of the various counties to  
24 develop and promote collaboration among the public and private  
25 entities that provide services to veterans; and

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27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county veterans' summit is  
28 requested to meet on a quarterly basis and include



1 representatives from appropriate state and county agencies and  
2 private organizations; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Veterans Services  
5 is requested to convene an annual statewide veterans' summit,  
6 comprised of delegates from each county veterans' summit, as  
7 well as from appropriate federal agencies and private  
8 organizations from other parts of the United States; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of the  
12 Office of Veterans Services, the Adjutant General, the United  
13 States Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the mayor of each  
14 county.  
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