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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THE
HAWAII OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES TO DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF WOMEN
VETERANS.

1 WHEREAS, women have served honorably and with courage in
2 all of America's wars and conflicts since the American
3 Revolution; and

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5 WHEREAS, nearly fifteen per cent of the United States Armed
6 Forces is comprised of women; and

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8 WHEREAS, the population of women veterans is increasing
9 exponentially and is projected to comprise more than ten per
10 cent of the total veteran population by the year 2020; and

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12 WHEREAS, more than 11,000 women veterans reside in Hawaii;
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15 WHEREAS, veterans benefits have traditionally been designed
16 to address the needs of male veterans; and

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18 WHEREAS, the circumstances and challenges faced by women
19 veterans are often different from those of their male
20 counterparts; and

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22 WHEREAS, there is a growing need to improve veterans
23 services to address the specific needs of women veterans in such
24 areas as medical and mental health care, child care services,
25 housing, and financial assistance; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the United States
30 Department of Veterans Affairs and the Hawaii Office of Veterans



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1 Services are urged to develop comprehensive programs and
2 services to address the needs of women veterans; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Office of Veterans
5 Services is requested to submit a report to the Legislature on
6 the progress made on the development of comprehensive programs
7 and services to address the needs of women veterans no later
8 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
9 of 2013; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of
13 Veterans Affairs and the Director of the Hawaii Office of
14 Veterans Services.

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