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If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 808-286-5372(C) I am for concern with the act to amend the military law and public building law for the Honor and Remembrance Flag

An Act to amend the military law and the public buildings law, in relation to the display of certain flags upon the capitol building and military offices.

PURPOSE: This bill would provide for the display of the National Honor and Remember Flag for fallen members of the armed forces. To designate the honor and remember flag for fallen Members of the armed forces.

Specifically, this bill would: Provide for a legislative intent which would find and determine that: Since the revolutionary war, more than one million members of the United States armed forces have paid the ultimate price by sacrificing their lives in the line of duty. The contributions of those fallen members of the armed forces are deserving of national recognition. Currently, there is no officially recognized symbolic flag that acknowledges members of the armed forces who died in the line of duty.

Adopt the national honor and remember flag for fallen members of the armed forces as the official honor and remember flag for the state of Hawaii, stating that the honor and remember flag is the symbol of our nation's concern and commitment to honoring and remembering the lives of all members of the United States armed forces who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Provide for the procurement and distribution of honor and remember flags, by requiring that not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section shall commence the procurement of honor and remember flags and distribute them as necessary.

This bill would amend that the public buildings law, to provide that the flag commonly designated as the national honor and remember flag, shall be displayed upon the capitol building during the daily sessions of the legislature and on public occasions.

JUSTIFICATION: This bill would provide for the designation and display of the National Honor and Remember Flag by the State of Hawaii. The National Honor and Remember Flag was established to provide for the honoring and remembering of all the members of the American Armed Forces who have given our nation and its people the ultimate sacrifice, by giving their life in the defense of our nation and its freedom.

Like the Purple Heart, which is the military honor awarded to those who have sustained combat injury or death, the Honor and Remember Flag represents a public recognition that a grateful

state and nation can display to expressly show its gratitude to those service personnel and their families.

This bill would provide for the adoption of the Honor and Remember Flag as the official Honor and Remember Flag for the State of Hawaii, and require its display over the State Capitol Building in Honolulu. Similar legislation is being enacted in other states, as well as by the federal government, as a tribute to our fallen Armed Forces Service Members.