
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE
MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF
HAWAII TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO ASSESS THE
FEASIBILITY OF A CONSOLIDATED MILITARY TRANSITION,
IMMERSION, AND EDUCATION CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, military personnel and their family members play a
2 vital role in Hawaii's economy and make up a significant
3 percentage of the population; and
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5 WHEREAS, the transition to settle in, find a home, enroll
6 children in school, transport pets, and register a vehicle is
7 significantly more difficult when relocating to Hawaii than when
8 relocating within the continental United States; and
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10 WHEREAS, in addition to a seamless relocation and
11 transition, newly transferred military personnel and their
12 family members need resources to integrate and connect with the
13 community in a meaningful way; and
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15 WHEREAS, Hawaii is uniquely rich in culture and diversity
16 and can often feel more like a move to another country than a
17 move within the United States for families moving from the
18 continental United States; and
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20 WHEREAS, traditional military models for transition,
21 immersion, education, and wellness services are universal and do
22 not incorporate the "local" resources in the communities that
23 surround the military facilities; and
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25 WHEREAS, transition, immersion, and education programs
26 would strengthen the military relocation process by centralizing
27 the information available to military members and their families
28 and engaging them in Hawaii's community; and



1 WHEREAS, an education program would also encourage Hawaii
2 residents to reach out and interact with new military members in
3 the State; and

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5 WHEREAS, various service branches located on Oahu retain
6 their own informational and support channels for members
7 relocating to Hawaii but this is an ad hoc system; and

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9 WHEREAS, the consolidation of the various military branch
10 information and support systems into one resource center will
11 provide the benefits of economies of scale, resulting in equal
12 and enhanced support for the military community in the State;
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15 WHEREAS, a resource center would also serve as an
16 innovative model for other such centers nationwide and may serve
17 as an important prototype for the United States Department of
18 Defense to save money, especially given the recent federal
19 budget cuts; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
23 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the State of Hawaii
24 Department of Defense and the Military Affairs Council of the
25 Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii are urged to establish an
26 interagency working group to assess the operational and
27 budgetary feasibility of a Consolidated Military Transition,
28 Immersion, and Education Center; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group include, but
31 not be limited to, representatives from the following agencies,
32 departments, or groups:

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34 (1) All military bases and facility commanders;
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36 (2) Hawaii National Guard;
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38 (3) Hawaii State Legislature;
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40 (4) Office of the Governor;
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42 (5) Office of Hawaiian Affairs;
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44 (6) Hawaii Veterans Affairs; and



