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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE VARIOUS BRANCHES OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES  
IN THE STATE OF HAWAII, IN COOPERATION WITH 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 a move to Hawaii can often feel more like a move to another  
17 country than a move within the United States for families moving  
18 from the continental United States; and  
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20           WHEREAS, traditional military models for transition,  
21 immersion, education, and wellness services are general and do  
22 not incorporate "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 on an ad hoc basis; and  
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9 WHEREAS, 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 recent federal budget  
19 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 various  
24 branches of the United States armed services in the State of  
25 Hawaii, in cooperation with the Military Affairs Council of The  
26 Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, are urged to establish an  
27 interagency working group to assess the operational and  
28 budgetary feasibility of a Consolidated Military Transition,  
29 Immersion, and Education Center; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group include, but  
32 not be limited to, representatives from the following agencies,  
33 departments, or groups:  
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- 35 (1) All military bases and facility commanders;
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- 37 (2) Senior enlisted personnel and their spouses from all  
38 military bases in Hawaii;
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- 40 (3) Hawaii National Guard;
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- 42 (4) Hawaii State Legislature;
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- 44 (5) Office of the Governor;



1 (6) Office of Hawaiian Affairs;

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3 (7) Hawaii Veterans Affairs; and

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5 (8) Other stakeholders who can contribute expertise to the  
6 working group; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Military  
9 Affairs Council of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, or a  
10 designee, is requested to convene and act as chair of the  
11 working group; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the operational plan of the  
14 Consolidated Military Transition, Immersion, and Education  
15 Center be based on efficiency and cost containment and  
16 consolidation, including public-private partnerships and the  
17 staffing of qualified, long-term personnel by private section  
18 contractors; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group submit a  
21 report to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the  
22 convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of Defense  
26 of the United States Department of Defense; Governor; Commander  
27 of the United States Pacific Command; Commander of the United  
28 States Pacific Fleet; Commander of the United States Pacific Air  
29 Forces; Commanding General of the United States Army Pacific;  
30 Commander of the United States Marine Corps Forces Pacific;  
31 Commander of the 14<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District; Chairperson of the  
32 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Director of  
33 the Office of Veterans Services; and Chair of the Military  
34 Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

