
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII
FOR THE TROOP TALENT ACT OF 2013.

1 WHEREAS, members of the United States Armed Forces are
2 dedicated to protecting the many freedoms that we enjoy through
3 discipline, hard work, and self-sacrifice; and
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5 WHEREAS, for many veterans the transition from military to
6 civilian life is often a difficult one, which is evident in the
7 higher unemployment rates experienced by post September 11th
8 veterans; a rate that is currently 6.9 percent, which is greater
9 than the national average which is 6.7 percent; and
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11 WHEREAS, even though many veterans leave the military with
12 valuable skills and training, several obstacles, including
13 injuries, lack of civilian work experience, and license and
14 certification issues hamper a smooth transition from military to
15 civilian life; and
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17 WHEREAS, H.R. 1796, or the Troop Talent Act of 2013, was
18 created to ensure that veterans and members of the Armed Forces
19 are provided with the proper education and training to better
20 assist them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses,
21 as well as for other purposes to assist veterans in adjusting to
22 civilian life; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 directs the
25 Secretaries of the military departments, to the maximum extent
26 practicable, to make information on civilian credentialing
27 opportunities available to members of the Armed Forces beginning
28 with, and at every stage of, their training for military
29 occupational specialties in order to permit members to:
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(1) Evaluate the extent to which training correlates with the skills and training required for various civilian certifications and licenses; and

(2) Assess the suitability of training for obtaining or pursuing civilian certifications and licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 also requires the information made available to members of the Armed Services to be consistent with the Transition Goals Plans Success Program; and

WHEREAS, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 also requires the inclusion of information on:

(1) The civilian occupational equivalents of military occupational specialties;

(2) Civilian license or certification requirements, including examination requirements; and

(3) The availability and opportunities for use of educational benefits available to members of the Armed Forces, as appropriate, corresponding training, or continuing education that leads to a certification exam in order to provide a pathway to credentialing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 requires the Secretaries of the military departments to make available to civilian credentialing agencies, specified information on the content of military training provided to members of the Armed Services; and

WHEREAS, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 allows members of the Armed Services or veterans in pursuit of a civilian certification or license to use educational assistance provided through the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs only if the successful completion of a curriculum fully qualifies the student to take the appropriate examinations and be certified or licensed to meet any other academic conditions required for entry into that occupation or profession; and



1 WHEREAS, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 requires the military
2 occupational specialties designated for the military skills to
3 civilian credentialing pilot program under the National Defense
4 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 to include specialties
5 relating to the military information technology workforce; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 directs the Secretary
8 of Veterans Affairs to reestablish the Professional
9 Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee which was
10 terminated on December 31, 2006, and provides the Committee with
11 additional duties, including the development of:

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13 (1) Guidance for audits of licensure and certification
14 programs in order to ensure high-quality education for
15 members of the Armed Services and veterans; and
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17 (2) A plan to improve outreach to members of the Armed
18 Services and veterans on the importance of licensing
19 and certification and the availability of educational
20 benefits; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
24 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that this body supports
25 the Troop Talent Act of 2013 along with its passage; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the
29 United States House of Representatives, President Pro Tempore of
30 the United States Senate, and Hawaii's congressional delegation.

