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## HOUSE 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 9.4 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 such as  
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 such members to:  
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- 31           (1) Evaluate the extent to which such training correlates  
32           with skills and training required for various civilian  
33           certifications and licenses; and



- 1           (2) Assess the suitability of such training for obtaining
- 2           or pursuing such civilian certifications and licenses;
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5           WHEREAS, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 also requires the  
6 information be made available to members of the Armed Services  
7 to be consistent with the Transition Goals Plans Success  
8 Program; and

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

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- 13           (1) The civilian occupational equivalents of military
- 14           occupational specialties;
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- 16           (2) Civilian license or certification requirements,
- 17           including examination requirements; and
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- 19           (3) The availability and opportunities for use of
- 20           educational benefits available to members of the Armed
- 21           Forces, as appropriate, corresponding training, or
- 22           continuing education that leads to a certification
- 23           exam in order to provide a pathway to credentialing
- 24           opportunities; and

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

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32          WHEREAS, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 allows members of the  
33 Armed Services or veterans in pursuit of a civilian  
34 certification or license to use educational assistance provided  
35 through the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans  
36 Affairs only if the successful completion of a curriculum fully  
37 qualifies the student to take the appropriate examinations and  
38 be certified or licensed to meet any other academic conditions  
39 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 a military skills to  
 3 civilian credentialing pilot program under the National Defense  
 4 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 to include those  
 5 specialties relating to the military information technology  
 6 workforce; and

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 8 WHEREAS, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 directs the Secretary  
 9 of Veterans Affairs to reestablish the Professional  
 10 Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee which was  
 11 terminated on December 31, 2006, and provides the Committee with  
 12 additional duties, including the development of:

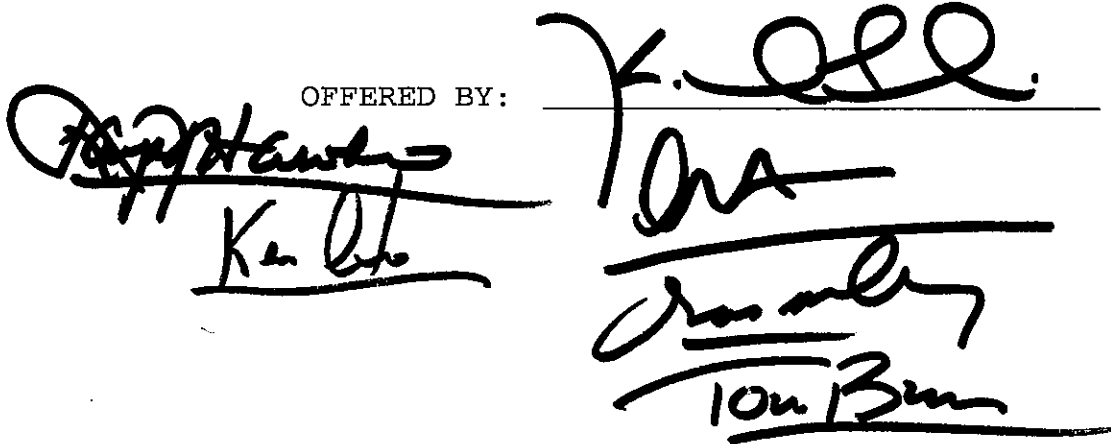
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 14 (1) Guidance for audits of licensure and certification  
 15 programs in order to ensure high-quality education to  
 16 members of the Armed Services and veterans; and  
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 18 (2) A plan to improve outreach to members of the Armed  
 19 Services and veterans on the importance of licensing  
 20 and certification and the availability of educational  
 21 benefits; now, therefore,

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 23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 24 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 25 Session of 2014, that this body supports the Troop Talent Act of  
 26 2013 along with its passage; and

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 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 29 Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States  
 30 House of Representatives, President Pro Tempore of the United  
 31 States Senate, and Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

OFFERED BY:

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