A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Vietnam War is a
- 2 chapter in America's history that must never be forgotten.
- 3 During the conflict in Vietnam, more than 58,000 members of the
- 4 United States Armed Forces were killed, over 153,000 were
- 5 wounded, and as of 2014, there remain 1,638 Americans for whom
- 6 there is no accounting. It is important that the United States
- 7 continues to honor the sacrifices of the men and women who
- 8 served, as well as remembering the suffering and loss of life of
- 9 all who were involved.
- 10 The legislature further finds that President Obama
- 11 proclaimed May 28, 2012, through November 11, 2025, as the
- 12 Commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Vietnam War,
- 13 and called upon "Federal, State, and local officials to honor
- 14 our Vietnam veterans, our fallen, our wounded, those unaccounted
- 15 for, our former prisoners of war, their families, and all who
- 16 served with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities."

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The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to honor 1 the fiftieth anniversary of the Vietnam War with programs, 2 ceremonies, and activities. 3 There is appropriated out of the general 4 SECTION 2. revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000 or so much 5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the 6 purpose of commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Vietnam 7 War with programs, ceremonies, and activities. 8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state 9 department of defense for the purposes of this Act. 10 This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016. SECTION 3. 11 12 INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Vietnam War; 50th Anniversary

Description:

Appropriates funds for programs, ceremonies, and activities commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

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