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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES TO STUDY HOW THE INCREASE IN BURIAL SERVICE REQUESTS HAS AFFECTED THE HAWAII STATE VETERANS CEMETERY.

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe is the only cemetery administered by the Office of Veterans' Services, which actively handles burials of veterans and their spouses in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the cemetery administration is charged with and admirably performs burial services with the greatest dignity, care, and reverence to honor veterans and their spouses who have served and sacrificed for the people of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery's grounds continue to be maintained to the highest standards, preserving the dignity of the final resting places of veterans and their spouses, and providing a fitting and respectful atmosphere for those who visit and pay respects to their departed; and

WHEREAS, across the nation, veterans cemeteries, including the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, have experienced an increase in the volume of burial services requests as a large number of veterans from World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War are reaching the age of passage; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Office of Veterans' Services is requested to conduct a study on how the increase in burial service requests has affected and will affect the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, including wait times between passage

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and final burial, and what measures, if any, can be taken by the State to decrease wait times; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Veterans' Services shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any recommended legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Office of Veterans' Services.

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