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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY  
OF THE IMPACT OF THE MILITARY ON HAWAII'S ECONOMY.

1           WHEREAS, the military's presence in Hawaii has a  
2 significant impact on the State's economy; and  
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4           WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of  
5 Defense, over forty-two thousand active duty military personnel  
6 are assigned to Hawaii as of September 2019; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the Department of Education estimates that Hawaii  
9 hosts over three hundred thousand military personnel and their  
10 families, who contribute to consumer spending and use the  
11 State's education, housing, and natural resources; and  
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13           WHEREAS, according to the Department of Education,  
14 approximately fourteen thousand military dependents attend  
15 public schools, which represents roughly eight percent of the  
16 State's total student enrollment; and  
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18           WHEREAS, military personnel stationed in Hawaii often  
19 require additional housing near military installments; and  
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21           WHEREAS, consistent with the holding in Clarence Ching, et  
22 al. v. Suzanne Case, et al., 145 Hawaii 148 (2019), military  
23 operations on leased public trust lands require environmental  
24 oversight by the State; which in turn requires the appropriation  
25 of additional public funds; and  
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27           WHEREAS, understanding the amount of revenue generated by  
28 military spending in Hawaii, the cost of environmental oversight  
29 obligations for lands leased for military use, and the extent of  
30 State support afforded to military personnel will help the



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1 Legislature in crafting fiscal policy that safeguards the public  
2 trust and advances the common good; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
6 2020, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Reference  
7 Bureau is requested to conduct a study of the impact of the  
8 military on Hawaii's economy; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is requested to  
11 include an evaluation of the military's impact on:

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13 (1) Funding for public education, including the extent to  
14 which federal impact aid reimbursements received by  
15 the Department of Education fulfill the expenditures  
16 required to meet the educational needs of federally  
17 connected students;

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19 (2) Hawaii's housing supply, including the availability  
20 and cost of housing for sale and rent in communities  
21 located near military installations;

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23 (3) Land use and environmental considerations, including  
24 the cost to the State of monitoring, inspecting, and  
25 restoring lands leased by the military to preserve  
26 trust lands; and

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28 (4) Consumer spending by military personnel and their  
29 families; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
32 Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
33 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
34 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
35 the Regular Session of 2021; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the  
39 Legislative Reference Bureau; Director of Business, Economic  
40 Development, and Tourism; Chairperson of the Board of Land and  
41 Natural Resources; Superintendent of Education; and Chief  
42 Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.



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