
HOUSE 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
31 Legislature in crafting fiscal policy that safeguards the public
32 trust and advances the common good; now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
3 2020, that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to
4 conduct a study of the impact of the military on Hawaii's
5 economy; and

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

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10 (1) Funding for public education, including the extent to
11 which federal impact aid reimbursements received by
12 the Department of Education fulfill the expenditures
13 required to meet the educational needs of federally
14 connected students;
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16 (2) Hawaii's housing supply, including the availability
17 and cost of housing for sale and rent in communities
18 located near military installations;
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20 (3) Land use and environmental considerations, including
21 the cost to the State of monitoring, inspecting, and
22 restoring lands leased by the military to preserve
23 trust lands; and
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25 (4) Consumer spending by military personnel and their
26 families; and

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

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