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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AMEND THE UNITED STATES
CODE TO PERMIT ALL RETIRED, DISABLED VETERANS TO RECEIVE
CONCURRENT RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY PAYMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, under federal law, the phrase "concurrent
2 retirement and disability payments" refers to a retired,
3 disabled veteran's simultaneous receipt of the veteran's full
4 retirement payments and disability compensation; and
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6 WHEREAS, prior to implementation of the concurrent
7 retirement and disability payments program, the retirement
8 payments for all retired, disabled veterans were offset by the
9 amount of disability compensation received by the veteran; and
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11 WHEREAS, the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal
12 Year 2004 amended 10 United States Code section 1414 to permit
13 retired, disabled veterans who served in the armed forces for
14 twenty or more years and have a United States Department of
15 Veterans Affairs disability rating at or above fifty percent to
16 receive concurrent retirement and disability payments; and
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18 WHEREAS, however, the retirement payments for retired,
19 disabled veterans who are ineligible for concurrent retirement
20 and disability payments continue to be offset by the amount of
21 disability compensation received by the veteran; and
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23 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Congressional Budget Office estimated
24 that the annual cost to provide concurrent retirement and
25 disability payments was \$11,400,000,000; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Congressional Budget Office also estimated
28 that providing concurrent retirement and disability payments to
29 retired veterans having a disability rating below fifty percent
30 would cost approximately \$30,000,000,000 over a ten-year period,



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1 and providing concurrent retirement and disability payments to
 2 retired, disabled veterans having less than twenty years of
 3 service in the armed forces would cost approximately
 4 \$5,800,000,000 over a ten-year period; now, therefore,

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 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
 7 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of
 8 Representatives concurring, that the United States Congress is
 9 urged to amend 10 United States Code section 1414 to permit all
 10 retired American veterans who have a service-connected
 11 disability to receive concurrent retirement and disability
 12 payments regardless of the veteran's disability rating or years
 13 of service in the armed forces; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of
 17 the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House
 18 of Representatives, and each member of Hawaii's Congressional
 19 Delegation.

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