

JAN 27 2021

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 121-39, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§121-39 Pay of officers and warrant officers while on**
4 **active duty.**

5 (1) The State shall allow officers and warrant officers to
6 directly deposit their pay by electronic means to
7 their personal banking accounts; ~~[and]~~

8 (2) Provide allowances if activated for more than thrity
9 days for the payment of Tricare Reserve Select or
10 other government funded medical insurance for the
11 individual member and family should the member have
12 eligible dependents; and

13 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) No pay or allowances shall be made to officers
14 or warrant officers for any service for which they
15 receive military pay and allowances from the United
16 States."

17 SECTION 2. Section 121-40, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended to read as follows:

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"§121-40 Pay of enlisted personnel while on active duty.

(1) State shall allow enlisted personnel to directly deposit their pay by electronic means to their personal banking accounts; [~~and~~]

(2) Provide allowances f activated for more than thirty days for the payment of Tricare Reserve Select or other government funded medical insurance for the individual member and family should the member have eligible dependents; and

[~~(2)~~] (3) Aggregate of the pay and allowances, computed on a daily basis, shall in no event be less than the amount equal to ten times the hourly wage specified in section 387-2."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: _____



BY REQUEST

S.B. NO. 1113

Report Title:

Militia; National Guard

Description:

Improves and enhances the ability to have Hawaii National Guard personnel who can serve on active duty in the service of the State without financial hardship through modifications and additions to chapter 121, Hawaii Revised Statutes by authorizing the Hawaii National Guard to add the payment of Tricare Reserve Select or other government funded premium payments to the authorized service member who are not otherwise covered by the State or federally funded medical insurance.

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SB. NO. 1113

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Defense

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD.

PURPOSE: Authorize the Hawaii National Guard to add the payment of Tricare Reserve Select or other government funded premium payments to the authorized allowances for officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel while on active duty in the service of the State who are not otherwise covered by State or federally funded medical insurance.

MEANS: Amend section 121-39 & -40, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

JUSTIFICATION: There currently is no authority for insurance to be provided for Hawaii National Guard personnel who are called to active duty in the service of the State covered under section 121-39 or 121-40, HRS. During periods where personnel are activated for more than thirty (30) days, they will likely have no medical insurance to cover them and their families for routine medical care; only the service member is covered for injuries or illnesses determined to have occurred or caused by their performance of duty. Typically, this creates a personal and financial hardship for the service member and their family should an issue arise which requires medical treatment. This hardship makes it more difficult to provide personnel who are able to volunteer for active duty in the service of the State without great personal hardship to them, their families, and potentially to their employer, should the employer continue to provide medical insurance.

Impact on the public: The authorization for the inclusion of Tricare Reserve Select or other government funded premium payments to be included as an allowance will assist in

increased recruiting efforts for the Hawaii National Guard as well as create a more available force to provide immediate response to the citizens of the State of Hawaii.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
Positive impact to the Department of Defense. No known negative impact to other departments.

GENERAL FUND: Approximately \$45/month (Individual) or \$230/month (Family).

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: DEF 110.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Approval.