
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO DECREASE THE
OVERALL NUMBER OF MILITARY MEMBERS STATIONED IN HAWAII AND
TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF MILITARY MEMBERS STATIONED IN
HAWAII WHO ARE UNMARRIED OR HAVE NO ACCOMPANYING
DEPENDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the Governor has identified the State's chronic
2 shortage of affordable housing as the most significant economic
3 threat to Hawaii's families; and
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5 WHEREAS, an estimated twenty-four thousand additional
6 housing units are needed to meet the State's current affordable
7 housing demands; and
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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii hosts more than two hundred fifty thousand
10 military or military-affiliated personnel and their families,
11 including more than forty-four thousand active duty members and
12 forty-five thousand dependents; and
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14 WHEREAS, some military members and their families choose to
15 buy or rent privately-owned homes in Hawaii, further
16 exacerbating the State's affordable housing shortage; and
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18 WHEREAS, based on climate change, over-tourism, water
19 contamination, and other factors, parts of the State are also
20 experiencing clean water shortages; and
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22 WHEREAS, the United States military has contributed to and
23 exacerbated the State's clean water shortages through its
24 members' use of resources and through multiple incidents of
25 water contamination; and
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27 WHEREAS, the decreased presence of military members and
28 their dependents in Hawaii would help ease the State's housing
29 and water shortages; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2024, that the United States Department of Defense is
4 urged to:

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6 (1) Decrease the overall number of military members who
7 are stationed in Hawaii; and

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9 (2) Increase the percentage of military members stationed
10 in Hawaii who are unmarried or have no accompanying
11 dependents; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of Defense, Under
15 Secretary of Defense for Policy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of
16 Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, United States
17 Army Pacific Commanding General, United States Navy Pacific
18 Fleet Commander, United States Pacific Air Forces Commander,
19 United States Marine Corps Forces Pacific Commander, United
20 States Coast Guard District Fourteen Commander, and members of
21 Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

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24 OFFERED BY: Joe

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