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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that burials for  
2 qualified veterans and their dependents in veterans cemeteries  
3 on Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and the Hawaii state  
4 veterans cemetery on Oahu is an honor reserved for those who  
5 served their country in either peacetime or wartime.

6 Establishment of these veterans cemeteries reflects the  
7 commitment of the people of Hawaii to those who served in the  
8 armed forces of the United States.

9           The legislature further finds that Hawaii's veterans  
10 cemeteries suffer from inadequate care and maintenance due to  
11 the lack of sufficient funding necessary to maintain these  
12 facilities at the level they deserve. For example, the soil  
13 used at veterans cemeteries is not suitable for re-use as back-  
14 fill in graves due to its composition and moisture content.  
15 This substandard soil fails to provide the necessary support for  
16 graves and headstones, causing them to sink in unsightly holes  
17 that mar the landscape and desecrate the sanctity of the



1 cemetery. To remedy the problem, appropriate soil and casket  
2 liners are necessary.

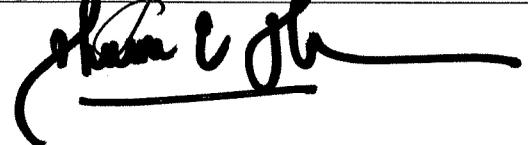
3 The purpose of this Act is to provide adequate funds for  
4 the care and maintenance of veterans cemeteries statewide,  
5 including but not limited to the purchase of casket liners to  
6 help remedy the soil problems at the cemeteries.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, or so  
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and  
10 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
11 year 2008-2009, for the maintenance of state veterans cemeteries  
12 statewide, including but not limited to the purchase of casket  
13 liners to help remedy the soil problems at the cemeteries.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
15 of defense for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.  
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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Veterans Cemeteries; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the maintenance of veterans cemeteries statewide, including the purchase of casket liners to help remedy the soil problems at veterans cemeteries.

