A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS.

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

- SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the number of
 veterans in the district of west Hawaii is increasing every
- 3 year. In order to provide fair and necessary representation for
- 4 these veterans with respect to veterans' services and to
- 5 recognize the different needs of veterans in east and west
- 6 Hawaii, representation on the state advisory board on veterans'
- 7 services needs to reflect this distinction.
- 8 The purpose of this Act is to require a member of the
- 9 advisory board on veterans' services to be from the district of
- 10 west Hawaii.
- 11 SECTION 2. Section 363-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 12 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
- "(a) There shall be a policy advisory board on veterans'
- 14 services[-] within the office of veterans' services. The board
- 15 shall consist of [seven] nine members appointed by the governor
- 16 as provided in section 26-34. Five members shall be veterans,
- 17 and there shall be at least one member residing in each of the
- 18 counties [except Kalawao county.] of Maui and Kauai. The county
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- 1 of Hawaii shall be represented by two members, one member shall
- 2 reside in east Hawaii and one member shall reside in west
- 3 Hawaii. Four members shall reside in the city and county of
- 4 Honolulu. The director of health, the director of human
- 5 services, the director of labor and industrial relations, and
- 6 the adjutant general shall serve as ex-officio non-voting
- 7 members. The director for the office of veterans' services
- 8 shall serve as an ex-officio voting member. The chairperson of
- 9 the board shall be elected by the majority of the board. The
- 10 members shall serve without compensation but shall be allowed
- 11 their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance
- 12 of their duties."
- 13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Veterans; Policy Advisory Board on Veterans' Services

Description:

Changes and clarifies the composition of the policy advisory board on veterans' services.