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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS FOR HAWAII GOVERNORS.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that an appropriate  
2 funeral tribute should be provided to deceased governors of the  
3 State of Hawaii in the absence of federal military funeral  
4 honors or funeral honors provided by veteran organizations.

5       Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to ensure the  
6 provision of an honor guard detail for the burial of a governor  
7 of the State of Hawaii on behalf of a grateful citizenry and in  
8 recognition of the governor's service as commander-in-chief of  
9 the military forces of the State of Hawaii.

10       SECTION 2. Chapter 121, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
12 and to read as follows:

13       "§121-       Military funeral honors program; established;  
14 funeral honors duty. (a) There is established the military  
15 funeral honors program that shall provide military funeral  
16 honors for the burial of State of Hawaii governors, including  
17 former governors. The military funeral honors program shall be



1 administered by the adjutant general, as defined in section 121-  
2 7.

3 (b) Military funeral honors under this section shall  
4 consist of an honor guard detail, which shall be performed by  
5 not less than two members of the Hawaii national guard, selected  
6 by the adjutant general, and shall, at a minimum, consist of a  
7 ceremony that includes the folding and presenting of the  
8 national flag of the United States to the next of kin and the  
9 playing of the bugle call commonly known as Taps by a bugler, if  
10 available, or by electronic recording.

11 (c) The adjutant general may:

12 (1) Order a member of the Hawaii national guard to funeral  
13 honors duty in accordance with this section. That  
14 member shall receive an allowance of \$100 for any day  
15 on which a minimum of two hours of funeral honors duty  
16 is performed. Members of the Hawaii national guard  
17 ordered to funeral honors duty in accordance with this  
18 section are considered to be in the active service of  
19 the State for all purposes except for pay; and

20 (2) Provide support for other authorized providers who  
21 volunteer to participate in a funeral honors detail  
22 conducted for a governor; provided that the support



shall be limited to transportation, reimbursement for transportation, expenses, materials, and training.

(d) If the adjutant general determines that Hawaii national guard personnel are not available to perform military funeral honors in accordance with this section, the adjutant general may authorize another appropriate organization to provide one or more of its members to perform those honors and, subject to appropriations for that purpose, shall authorize the payment of a \$100 stipend to the organization."

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Military Funeral Honors; Hawaii Governor

**Description:**

Authorizes military funeral honors for Hawaii governors.

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