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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Vietnam War is a 2 chapter in America's history that must never be forgotten. During the conflict in Vietnam, more than 58,000 members of the 3 4 United States Armed Forces were killed, over 153,000 were 5 wounded, and as of 2014, there remain 1,638 Americans for whom 6 there is no accounting. It is important that the United States 7 continues to honor the sacrifices of the men and women who 8 served, as well as remembering the suffering and loss of life of 9 all who were involved.

10 The legislature further finds that President Obama 11 proclaimed May 28, 2012, through November 11, 2025, as the 12 Commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Vietnam War, 13 and called upon "Federal, State, and local officials to honor 14 our Vietnam veterans, our fallen, our wounded, those unaccounted 15 for, our former prisoners of war, their families, and all who 16 served with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities."

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1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to honor 2 the fiftieth anniversary of the Vietnam War with programs, 3 ceremonies, and activities. 4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general 5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much 6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the 7 purpose of commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Vietnam 8 War with programs, ceremonies, and activities. 9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state 10 department of defense for the purposes of this Act. 11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.



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**Report Title:** Vietnam War; 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### Description:

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Appropriates funds for programs, ceremonies, and activities commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. (HB2491 HD1)

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