# 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.
- 3 During the conflict in Vietnam, more than 58,000 members of the
- 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.

- 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.

## S.B. NO. 3112 S.D. 1

### Report Title:

Vietnam War; 50th Anniversary

### Description:

Appropriates funds for programs, ceremonies, and activities commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. (SD1)

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