
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES TO STUDY HOW THE
INCREASE IN BURIAL SERVICE REQUESTS HAS AFFECTED THE HAWAII
STATE VETERANS CEMETERY.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe is
2 the only cemetery administered by the Office of Veterans'
3 Services, which actively handles burials of veterans and their
4 spouses in Hawaii; and
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6 WHEREAS, the cemetery administration is charged with and
7 admirably performs burial services with the greatest dignity,
8 care, and reverence to honor veterans and their spouses who have
9 served and sacrificed for the people of the United States of
10 America; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery's grounds
13 continue to be maintained to the highest standards, preserving
14 the dignity of the final resting places of veterans and their
15 spouses, and providing a fitting and respectful atmosphere for
16 those who visit and pay respects to their departed; and
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18 WHEREAS, across the nation, veterans cemeteries, including
19 the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, have experienced an increase
20 in the volume of burial services requests as a large number of
21 veterans from World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War are
22 reaching the age of passage; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Office of Veterans'
27 Services is requested to conduct a study on how the increase in
28 burial service requests has affected and will affect the Hawaii
29 State Veterans Cemetery, including wait times between passage



1 and final burial, and what, if any, reasonable measures can or
2 should be taken by the State to decrease wait times; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Veterans'
5 Services shall submit a report of its findings and
6 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
7 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019; including
8 1-year, 5-year, and 10-year plans outlining:

9 1. Cemetery operations (staff, burial capacity, estimated
10 costs, and any plans for expansion),

11 2. Honor guard availability,

12 3. Present and future projections for estimated wait times
13 between passage and final burial,

14 4. Present and future practices to maximize space, and

15 5. Recommendations for future legislation including what
16 measures, if any, can be taken by the State to decrease
17 wait times; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
21 Office of Veterans' Services.
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