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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe is
 the only cemetery administered by the Office of Veterans'
 Services, which actively handles burials of veterans and their
 spouses in Hawaii; and

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

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

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,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 24 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 25 of 2018, that the Office of Veterans' Services is requested to 26 conduct a study on how the increase in burial service requests 27 has affected and will affect the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, 28 including wait times between passage and final burial, and what 29 measures, if any, can be taken by the State to decrease wait 30 times; and 31



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Veterans' 2 Services shall submit a report of its findings and 3 recommendations, including any recommended legislation, to the 4 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of 5 the Regular Session of 2019; and 6

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

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