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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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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, that the Office of Veterans' Services is requested to  
27 conduct a study on how the increase in burial service requests  
28 has affected and will affect the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery,  
29 including wait times between passage and final burial, and what,  
30 if any, reasonable measures can or should be taken by the State  
31 to decrease wait times; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Veterans'  
2 Services shall submit a report of its findings and  
3 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
4 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019; including  
5 1-year, 5-year, and 10-year plans outlining:

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

8 2. Honor guard availability,

9 3. Present and future projections for estimated wait times  
10 between passage and final burial,

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

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

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