## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY ENTITLEMENTS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to ensure that
- 2 military personnel, when called to active duty, are paid without
- 3 delay at the same rate as their active duty counterparts, are
- 4 entitled to basic allowance for housing, and receive service
- 5 credit toward public pension and retirement.
- 6 SECTION 2. Chapter 88, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
- 7 by adding a new section to part II, subpart E, to be
- 8 appropriately designated and to read as follows:
- 9 "§88- Credit for military service; active duty. When
- 10 ordered to active duty in the State, military personnel shall
- 11 receive service credit for time in service while serving on
- 12 active duty. This service credit shall count toward retirement
- 13 if the individual is also a current state or county employee."
- 14 SECTION 3. Section 121-39, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 15 amended to read as follows:
- 16 "§121-39 Pay of officers and warrant officers while on
- 17 active duty. (a) Officers and warrant officers of the army or



- 1 air national guard while on active duty of the State shall
- 2 receive the pay and allowances of officers and warrant officers
- 3 of similar grades of the United States Army and Air Force,
- 4 respectively; provided that:
- 5 (1) The State shall allow officers and warrant officers to
- 6 directly deposit their pay by electronic means to
- 7 their personal banking accounts; and
- 8 (2) No pay or allowances shall be made to officers or
- 9 warrant officers for any service for which they
- 10 receive military pay and allowances from the United
- 11 States.
- 12 (b) When ordered to active duty, officers and warrant
- 13 officers of the army and air national guard shall be paid
- 14 without delay from the date of deployment and, subject to rules
- 15 adopted by the governor, shall be entitled to basic allowance
- 16 for housing."
- 17 SECTION 4. Section 121-40, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 18 amended to read as follows:
- 19 "§121-40 Pay of enlisted personnel while on active duty.
- 20 (a) Enlisted personnel of the army and air national guard while
- 21 on active duty in the service of the State, except during

- 1 periods of annual field training or year-round field training,
- 2 shall receive the same pay and allowances as enlisted personnel
- 3 of similar rank in the United States Army and Air Force
- 4 respectively; provided that the:
- 5 (1) State shall allow enlisted personnel to directly
- 6 deposit their pay by electronic means to their
- 7 personal banking accounts; and
- 8 (2) Aggregate of the pay and allowances, computed on a
- 9 daily basis, shall in no event be less than the amount
- 10 equal to ten times the hourly wage specified in
- 11 section 387-2.
- 12 (b) When ordered to active duty, enlisted personnel of the
- 13 army and air national guard shall be paid without delay from the
- 14 date of deployment and, subject to rules adopted by the
- 15 governor, shall be entitled to basic allowance for housing."
- 16 SECTION 5. Section 121-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 17 amended to read as follows:
- 18 "§121-42 No pay without orders. No officer or enlisted
- 19 member of the army or air national guard shall be entitled to
- 20 receive the pay herein provided unless the orders detailing the
- 21 officer or enlisted member for duty or subsequent orders,

- 1 specify that pay is to be received for the service rendered [-];
- 2 provided that if a non-active duty officer or enlisted member of
- 3 the army or air national guard is ordered to active duty, that
- 4 military member shall be paid without delay from the date of
- 5 deployment and, subject to rules adopted by the governor, shall
- 6 be entitled to basic allowance for housing."
- 7 SECTION 6. Section 122A-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 8 amended to read as follows:
- 9 "§122A-8 Pay and allowances. (a) When in the active
- 10 service of the State, members of the Hawaii state defense force
- 11 shall receive from the State the same basic pay and allowance
- 12 for subsistence as prescribed by federal law and regulations for
- 13 members of the army national guard, of like grade and length of
- 14 service, when in the active service of the United States.
- 15 [Subject to rules adopted by the governor, members may be
- 16 subsisted in kind in lieu of a monetary allowance therefor.
- 17 When ordered to active duty, members of the Hawaii state defense
- 18 force shall be paid without delay from the date of deployment.
- 19 (b) Subject to rules adopted by the governor, members of
- 20 the Hawaii state defense force when in the active service of the
- 21 State [may be quartered at the expense of the State or paid a

- 1 monetary allowance in lieu thereof.] shall be entitled to basic
- 2 allowance for housing."
- 3 SECTION 7. Section 123-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 4 amended to read as follows:
- 5 "§123-8 Pay. (a) When engaged in exercises afloat or
- 6 participating in encampments for instructions ashore, and when
- 7 serving on general courts-martial, officers and [men] enlisted
- 8 personnel of the navy shall receive the same pay as is at the
- 9 time allowed by law to those holding similar positions in the
- 10 United States navy.
- 11 (b) When ordered to active duty, officers and enlisted
- 12 personnel of the navy shall be paid without delay from the date
- 13 of deployment and, subject to rules adopted by the governor,
- 14 shall be entitled to basic allowance for housing."
- 15 SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 17 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

## Report Title:

Department of Defense; State Activation; Active Duty Military Pay; Basic Allowance for Housing; Service Credit

## Description:

Requires the State to: pay, without delay, military personnel called to active duty at the same rate as their active duty counterparts; provide basic housing allowance (BAH); provide service credit for time on active duty; and allow state and county employees to count the time called to active duty in the State toward retirement. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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