HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII

H.C.R. NO. 216

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO DECREASE THE OVERALL NUMBER OF MILITARY MEMBERS STATIONED IN HAWAII AND TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF MILITARY MEMBERS STATIONED IN HAWAII WHO ARE UNMARRIED OR HAVE NO ACCOMPANYING DEPENDENTS.

WHEREAS, the Governor has identified the State's chronic
shortage of affordable housing as the most significant economic
threat to Hawaii's families; and

5 WHEREAS, an estimated twenty-four thousand additional 6 housing units are needed to meet the State's current affordable 7 housing demands; and

9 WHEREAS, Hawaii hosts more than two hundred fifty thousand 10 military or military-affiliated personnel and their families, 11 including more than forty-four thousand active duty members and 12 forty-five thousand dependents; and

14 WHEREAS, some military members and their families choose to 15 buy or rent privately-owned homes in Hawaii, further 16 exacerbating the State's affordable housing shortage; and 17 18 WHEREAS, based on climate change, over-tourism, water

19 contamination, and other factors, parts of the State are also 20 experiencing clean water shortages; and 21

WHEREAS, the United States military has contributed to and exacerbated the State's clean water shortages through its members' use of resources and through multiple incidents of water contamination; and

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1 WHEREAS, the decreased presence of military members and 2 their dependents in Hawaii would help ease the State's housing 3 and water shortages; now, therefore, 4

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 6 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 7 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the United States 8 Department of Defense is urged to:

(1) Decrease the overall number of military members who are stationed in Hawaii; and

(2) Increase the percentage of military members stationed in Hawaii who are unmarried or have no accompanying dependents; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of 18 Defense, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Deputy Assistant 19 Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, 20 United States Army Pacific Commanding General, United States 21 Navy Pacific Fleet Commander, United States Pacific Air Forces 22 Commander, United States Marine Corps Forces Pacific Commander, 23 24 United States Coast Guard District Fourteen Commander, and 25 members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation. 26

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