

ACT 12

H.B. NO. 613

A Bill for an Act Relating to Veterans.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the number of veterans in the district of west Hawaii is increasing every year. In order to provide fair and necessary representation for these veterans with respect to veterans' services and to recognize the different needs of veterans in east and west Hawaii, representation on the state advisory board on veterans' services needs to reflect this distinction.

The purpose of this Act is to require a member of the advisory board on veterans' services to be from the district of west Hawaii.

SECTION 2. Section 363-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) There shall be a policy advisory board on veterans' services~~[-]~~ within the office of veterans' services. The board shall consist of ~~[seven]~~ nine members appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34. Five members shall be veterans, and there shall be at least one member residing in each of the counties ~~[except Kalawao county:]~~ of Maui and Kauai. The county of Hawaii shall be represented by two members, one member shall reside in east Hawaii and one member shall reside in west Hawaii. Four members shall reside in the city and county of Honolulu. The director of health, the director of human services, the director of labor and industrial relations, and the adjutant general shall serve as ex-officio non-voting members. The director for the office of veterans' services shall serve as an ex-officio voting member. The chairperson of the board shall be elected by the majority of the board. The members shall serve without compensation but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 9, 2007.)