
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY ON ESTABLISHING A VETERANS PREFERENCE IN
AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND OTHER STATE AND COUNTY PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, government establishes various preferences for
2 certain groups of its citizens in determining who should receive
3 a government service or be benefitted by a government program;
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6 WHEREAS, these preferences often recognize that certain
7 groups of persons have a greater need for the service or
8 program, and can also be used to encourage individuals to
9 participate in certain activities, and reward and recognize
10 these individuals for their actions; and

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12 WHEREAS, government should encourage individuals to serve
13 their country by enlisting in the military, reward the service
14 and sacrifices of veterans and their families, and recognize the
15 difficulties of veterans in successfully returning to civilian
16 life; and

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18 WHEREAS, state and county affordable housing programs such
19 as Maui County's workforce housing law, establish preferences
20 for allocation of housing based on criteria such as income,
21 residency, and prior ownership, but do not contain preferences
22 for veterans; and

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24 WHEREAS, providing eligible veterans a housing preference
25 would recognize the service and sacrifices of veterans, and
26 decrease the difficulty of purchasing and providing a home for
27 their families in Hawaii; and

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29 WHEREAS, extending or limiting the veterans preference to
30 widows and widowers of deceased veterans or veterans who are
31 totally or partially disabled may strengthen the basis for the
32 preference and focus it on those who have an even greater need
33 for affordable housing and other government programs and
34 services; now, therefore,

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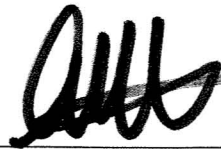
1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2009, that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to:

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- 5 (1) Identify state and county affordable housing programs
- 6 in Hawaii and the preference criteria for those
- 7 programs;
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- 9 (2) Consult with the Policy Advisory Board on Veterans'
- 10 Services in developing:
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- 12 (A) Eligibility criteria for a veterans affordable
- 13 housing preference; and
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- 15 (B) Criteria for preferences benefiting widows and
- 16 widowers of deceased veterans, or totally
- 17 disabled and partially disabled veterans;
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- 19 (3) Identify other government programs and services to
- 20 which the preference may be extended; and
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- 22 (4) Make findings and recommendations, develop proposed
- 23 affordable housing veterans preference legislation,
- 24 and report to the Legislature not later than 20 days
- 25 before the Regular Session of 2010;
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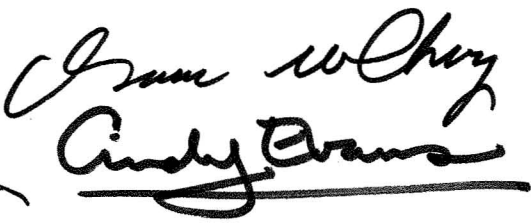
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Legislative
31 Reference Bureau and the Director of the Office of Veterans'
32 Services.

33 OFFERED BY:

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