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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEMORIALS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The freedom and security that United States  
2 citizens enjoy today are direct results of the sacrifices and  
3 continued vigilance of the United States armed forces over the  
4 course of our nation's history. The sacrifices of the members  
5 of the United States armed forces have preserved the liberties  
6 of this nation that have made it unique in the world community.

7           While members of the United States armed forces have  
8 engaged in numerous conflicts worldwide for over two centuries,  
9 more recent combat missions have included the Persian Gulf War,  
10 from August 2, 1990, to February 28, 1991, which culminated in  
11 the liberation of Kuwait from Iraq; the air-and-land conflict  
12 known as Operation Desert Storm, which began on January 17,  
13 1991, and lasted through April 11, 1991; Operation Iraqi Freedom  
14 which was a military campaign led by United States troops that  
15 began on March 20, 2003, and lasted through August 31, 2010, an  
16 operation later named "Operation New Dawn"; and Operation  
17 Enduring Freedom, more commonly known as the "War in  
18 Afghanistan", which is an ongoing effort. Members of the United



1 States armed forces have also served a pivotal role in the  
2 Global War on Terrorism, Homeland Defense, and Operation Noble  
3 Eagle, and continue to protect our borders by land, sea, and  
4 air.

5 Recognition of the sacrifices of members of the United  
6 States armed services who served in the various conflicts in  
7 which the United States was involved, many of whom paid the  
8 ultimate sacrifice, can be found throughout the State. Two of  
9 the most prominent of these memorials are the USS Arizona  
10 Memorial and the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at  
11 Punchbowl. However, a number of additional memorials exist  
12 commemorating the sacrifices of the men and women in uniform  
13 from Hawaii who have served this country, including the Korean  
14 and Vietnam Memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol, which  
15 was dedicated in 1994. Thus, it is both fitting and necessary  
16 for the State to give tangible and visible recognition of the  
17 sacrifices and contributions of veterans from Hawaii who served  
18 in the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi  
19 Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, the  
20 Global War on Terrorism, Homeland Defense, and Operation Noble  
21 Eagle, and who protected our borders by land, sea, and air.



1           Recognizing the need for such a memorial, the legislature  
2 passed Senate Bill No. 551, enacted as Act 139, Session Laws of  
3 Hawaii 2013, which required the office of veterans services,  
4 with the assistance of the department of accounting and general  
5 services, the department of defense, and the state historic  
6 preservation division, to develop a plan to establish a memorial  
7 honoring the veterans of the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert  
8 Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom,  
9 Operation New Dawn, the Global War on Terrorism, Homeland  
10 Defense, and Operation Noble Eagle, and those who have protected  
11 our borders by land, sea, and air.

12           In response to Act 139, the office of veterans services  
13 created the Hawaii Gulf War Memorial Task Force to develop a  
14 plan to establish a Hawaii Gulf War Memorial. The Task Force  
15 held multiple monthly meetings, conducted surveys, and held a  
16 public hearing on the matter. In its report to the legislature,  
17 the Task Force stated that, based upon its findings and  
18 research, the ideal spot for the memorial would be on the  
19 grounds of the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe on the  
20 island of Oahu. The Task force also recommended that replicas  
21 of the memorial be located at state veterans' cemeteries  
22 statewide.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
2 funds for the planning, design, and construction of the Hawaii  
3 Gulf War Memorial and replicas of the Hawaii Gulf War Memorial.

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,000,000 or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the  
7 planning, design, and construction of the Hawaii Gulf War  
8 Memorial on the grounds of the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in  
9 Kaneohe, on the island of Oahu, and for the planning, design,  
10 and construction of replicas of the Hawaii Gulf War Memorial to  
11 be located on the grounds of state veterans' cemeteries  
12 statewide.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of  
14 veterans services, in consultation with the department of  
15 accounting and general services, for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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# H.B. NO. 2073

**Report Title:**

Hawaii Gulf War Memorial; Construction; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the planning, design, and construction of a Hawaii Gulf War Memorial to be located at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, on the island of Oahu, and replicas of the memorial to be located at state veterans' cemeteries statewide. Effective July 1, 2014.

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