
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII
FOR THE TROOP TALENT ACT OF 2013.

1 WHEREAS, members of the United States Armed Forces are
2 dedicated to protecting the many freedoms that we enjoy through
3 discipline, hard work, and self-sacrifice; and
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5 WHEREAS, for many veterans the transition from military to
6 civilian life is often a difficult one, which is evident in the
7 higher unemployment rates experienced by post September 11th
8 veterans; a rate that is currently 9.4 percent, which is greater
9 than the national average which is 6.7 percent; and
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11 WHEREAS, even though many veterans leave the military with
12 valuable skills and training, several obstacles such as
13 injuries, lack of civilian work experience, and license and
14 certification issues hamper a smooth transition from military to
15 civilian life; and
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17 WHEREAS, H.R. 1796, or the Troop Talent Act of 2013, was
18 created to ensure that veterans and members of the Armed Forces
19 are provided with the proper education and training to better
20 assist them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses,
21 as well as for other purposes to assist veterans in adjusting to
22 civilian life; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 directs the
25 Secretaries of the military departments, to the maximum extent
26 practicable, to make information on civilian credentialing
27 opportunities available to members of the Armed Forces beginning
28 with, and at every stage of, their training for military
29 occupational specialties in order to permit such members to:



- 1 (1) Evaluate the extent to which such training correlates
2 with skills and training required for various civilian
3 certifications and licenses; and
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- 5 (2) Assess the suitability of such training for obtaining
6 or pursuing such civilian certifications and licenses;
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9 WHEREAS, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 also requires the
10 information be made available to members of the Armed Services
11 to be consistent with the Transition Goals Plans Success
12 Program; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 also requires the
15 inclusion of information on:
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- 17 (1) The civilian occupational equivalents of military
18 occupational specialties;
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- 20 (2) Civilian license or certification requirements,
21 including examination requirements; and
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- 23 (3) The availability and opportunities for use of
24 educational benefits available to members of the Armed
25 Forces, as appropriate, corresponding training, or
26 continuing education that leads to a certification
27 exam in order to provide a pathway to credentialing
28 opportunities; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 requires the
31 Secretaries of the military departments to make available to
32 civilian credentialing agencies, specified information on the
33 content of military training provided to members of the Armed
34 Services; and
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36 WHEREAS, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 allows members of the
37 Armed Services or veterans in pursuit of a civilian
38 certification or license to use educational assistance provided
39 through the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans
40 Affairs only if the successful completion of a curriculum fully
41 qualifies the student to take the appropriate examinations and
42 be certified or licensed to meet any other academic conditions
43 required for entry into that occupation or profession; and



1 WHEREAS, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 requires the military
 2 occupational specialties designated for a military skills to
 3 civilian credentialing pilot program under the National Defense
 4 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 to include those
 5 specialties relating to the military information technology
 6 workforce; and

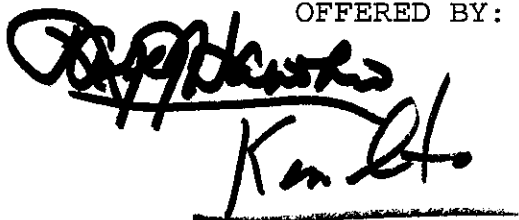
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 8 WHEREAS, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 directs the Secretary
 9 of Veterans Affairs to reestablish the Professional
 10 Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee which was
 11 terminated on December 31, 2006, and provides the Committee with
 12 additional duties, including the development of:



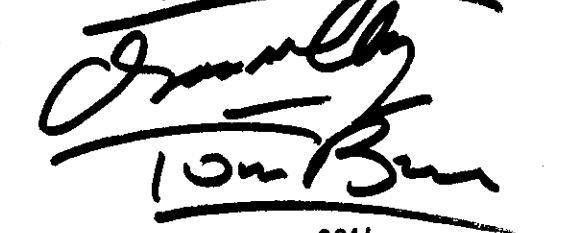
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 14 (1) Guidance for audits of licensure and certification
 15 programs in order to ensure high-quality education to
 16 members of the Armed Services and veterans; and
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 18 (2) A plan to improve outreach to members of the Armed
 19 Services and veterans on the importance of licensing
 20 and certification and the availability of educational
 21 benefits; now, therefore,

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 23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 24 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 25 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that this body supports
 26 the Troop Talent Act of 2013 along with its passage; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the
 30 United States House of Representatives, President Pro Tempore of
 31 the United States Senate, and Hawaii's Congressional delegation.
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