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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO ESTABLISH A VETERANS  
RESOURCE OFFICE AND CENTER TO SUPPORT VETERANS.

1           WHEREAS, there are more than 2,400 veterans enrolled across  
2 the ten campuses of the University of Hawaii System, comprising  
3 four percent of the student body; and  
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5           WHEREAS, veterans provide a wealth of leadership, talent,  
6 expertise, and experience to classrooms and university campuses;  
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9           WHEREAS, veterans can face unique challenges when  
10 integrating back into society, including traumatic brain injury,  
11 post-traumatic stress disorder, physical and mental  
12 disabilities, risk of suicide, and hypervigilance; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii System does not have a  
15 dedicated office to address the educational needs of veterans  
16 and to encourage and recruit veterans to earn high quality  
17 degrees that will help them find rewarding employment; now,  
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20           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
22 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the University of  
23 Hawaii System is urged to establish a Veterans Resource Office  
24 and a Veterans Resource Center at each campus to support  
25 veterans in obtaining high quality degrees and to increase  
26 veteran enrollment; and  
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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Veterans Resource Center  
29 is urged to:  
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- 1 (1) Conduct campus surveys of student veterans to identify  
2 the needs, address important issues, and collect  
3 suggestions of veterans;  
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- 5 (2) Establish a campus steering committee consisting of  
6 student veterans, faculty, and staff to:  
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  - 8 (A) Develop programs to establish or strengthen the  
9 veteran supportive campus program based on best  
10 practices; and  
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  - 12 (B) Identify the needs of the student veterans;  
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- 14 (3) Conduct sensitivity and awareness training for faculty  
15 and staff on military and veteran culture, including  
16 traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress  
17 disorder, physical and mental disabilities, suicide  
18 risks, and hypervigilance;  
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- 20 (4) Conduct student veteran orientation programs,  
21 including student veteran guides for the first day of  
22 classes;  
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- 24 (5) Establish peer mentoring and peer support programs for  
25 student veterans;  
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- 27 (6) Establish an optional veterans-only course taught by a  
28 veteran or by a trained volunteer on veteran issues;  
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- 30 (7) Develop and implement outreach strategies to local  
31 military bases;  
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- 33 (8) Act as a comprehensive resource and study center for  
34 student veterans, their families, and student family  
35 members of the armed forces who are currently deployed  
36 on active duty;  
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- 38 (9) Collaborate with the community to obtain support from  
39 private organizations;  
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- 41 (10) Conduct career and job placement services for student  
42 veterans;  
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1 (11) Collaborate with the Director of the Office of  
2 Veterans' Services on matters and issues relating to  
3 student veterans; and  
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5 (12) Take other actions to support student veterans; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Veterans Resource Office  
8 is urged to offer a Veterans Supportive Campus certification to  
9 any campus that has successfully implemented and achieved the  
10 goals established by this Concurrent Resolution; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
14 University of Hawaii Board of Regents; the President of the  
15 University of Hawaii System; and the Director of the Office of  
16 Veterans' Services.

