
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 363-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§363-3 Activities of the office. Except as otherwise
4 provided by law, the office shall:

5 (1) Maintain or cause to be maintained, subject to the
6 control and supervision of the office, a center to
7 which veterans, including their families and
8 dependents, may come for information, counsel, aid,
9 and assistance, and by which they may be directed or
10 referred to any agency in the community whose function
11 it is, by law or otherwise, to provide the services,
12 assistance, or benefits which in each instance appear
13 necessary or appropriate. Agencies to which any
14 referrals may be made shall include, but are not
15 limited to, departments and divisions of the federal
16 and state governments, veterans' organizations, and
17 so-called "private" social agencies;



1 (2) Assume the initiative, in cooperation with agencies in
2 the community, for coordinating all services now
3 available, and which hereafter may become available,
4 for the use and benefit of veterans, including their
5 families and dependents, to the end that maximum
6 effectiveness of the services may be realized, and
7 overlapping and duplication of effort as between
8 agencies may be minimized;

9 (3) Assemble, analyze, compile, and disseminate factual,
10 up-to-date information with respect to:

11 (A) Benefits, rights, and services of whatever nature
12 to which veterans, including their families and
13 dependents, are entitled, or which may be
14 available to them; and

15 (B) The structure, functions, area of service, and
16 other pertinent information regarding each agency
17 and organization participating in the veterans'
18 assistance program in the State;

19 (4) Cooperate with federal departments and other agencies
20 which, by law, have responsibility for the
21 administration of rights and benefits granted by the



- 1 federal government to veterans, including their
2 families and dependents;
- 3 (5) As soon as possible after the close of each fiscal
4 year, compile and submit to the governor, for such use
5 or distribution as the governor may deem appropriate,
6 a comprehensive report of the activities and
7 operations of the office, and of all disbursements and
8 expenditures authorized by the office under this
9 section; [~~and~~]
- 10 (6) Inspect every three years all state war memorials and
11 veterans' cemeteries for repair and maintenance
12 deficiencies, and report all repair and maintenance
13 problems at these memorials and cemeteries to the
14 adjutant general, the comptroller, and the legislature
15 prior to the start of the next regular session[-]; and
- 16 (7) Organize, coordinate, and conduct a biennial Hawaii
17 veterans summit. The summit shall assemble any
18 department or division of the federal or state
19 government, veterans' organizations, or any other
20 entity in the community whose function is, by law or
21 otherwise, to provide services, assistance, or



1 benefits to assist veterans and their families and
2 dependents, to discuss and collaborate on issues
3 affecting veterans and their families and dependents.

4 The issues to be addressed shall include benefits,
5 rights, and services available to veterans, and any
6 other pertinent information on assistance for veterans
7 and their families and dependents."

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$400,000 or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the
11 office of veterans' services to conduct a biennial Hawaii
12 veterans summit.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of
14 veterans' services for the purposes of this Act.

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

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.



Report Title:

Veterans; Office of Veterans' Services; Veterans Summit

Description:

Requires the Office of Veterans' Services to organize, coordinate, and conduct a biennial Hawaii Veterans Summit. Appropriates funds. (HB2697 CD1)

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