REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY
OF THE IMPACT OF THE MILITARY ON HAWAII'S ECONOMY.

WHEREAS, the military's presence in Hawaii has a significant impact on the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Defense, over forty-two thousand active duty military personnel are assigned to Hawaii as of September 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education estimates that Hawaii hosts over three hundred thousand military personnel and their families, who contribute to consumer spending and use the State's education, housing, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Education, approximately fourteen thousand military dependents attend public schools, which represents roughly eight percent of the State's total student enrollment; and

WHEREAS, military personnel stationed in Hawaii often require additional housing near military installments; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the holding in Clarence Ching, et al. v. Suzanne Case, et al., 145 Hawaii 148 (2019), military operations on leased public trust lands require environmental oversight by the State, which in turn requires the appropriation of additional public funds; and

WHEREAS, understanding the amount of revenue generated by military spending in Hawaii, the cost of environmental oversight obligations for lands leased for military use, and the extent of State support afforded to military personnel will help the Legislature in crafting fiscal policy that safeguards the public trust and advances the common good; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
2020, that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to
conduct a study of the impact of the military on Hawaii's
economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is requested to
include an evaluation of the military's impact on:

1. Funding for public education, including the extent to
   which federal impact aid reimbursements received by
   the Department of Education fulfill the expenditures
   required to meet the educational needs of federally
   connected students;

2. Hawaii's housing supply, including the availability
   and cost of housing for sale and rent in communities
   located near military installations;

3. Land use and environmental considerations, including
   the cost to the State of monitoring, inspecting, and
   restoring lands leased by the military to preserve
   trust lands; and

4. Consumer spending by military personnel and their
   families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and
recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
the Regular Session of 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Legislative
Reference Bureau; Director of Business, Economic Development,
and Tourism; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
Resources; Superintendent of Education; and Chief Executive
Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.