
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE MILITARY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a 2011 report by the
2 RAND Corporation determined that the United States military
3 accounted for more than eighteen per cent of all spending in
4 Hawaii in 2009, or \$12,220,000,000. The report, which was
5 commissioned by the Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs and The
6 Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, found that military expenditures
7 in Hawaii during fiscal years 2007 to 2009 averaged
8 \$6,527,000,000 per year in 2009 dollars – more than
9 \$4,000,000,000 for personnel and over \$2,000,000,000 for the
10 procurement of goods and services. Most of the procurement
11 dollars were concentrated on Oahu and a third of that spending
12 went to construction. The report also found that the military
13 was responsible for 101,533 jobs during 2007 to 2009, or 16.5
14 per cent of the State's total work force.

15 The RAND report confirms that the military plays a vital
16 role in Hawaii's economy and rivals tourism for the largest
17 industry in the State. It is therefore imperative that measures
18 are taken to preserve the economic benefits of military



1 operations in Hawaii, which include the various facilities of
2 the United States Army (including Fort Shafter, Schofield
3 Barracks, Tripler Army Medical Center, and Pohakuloa Training
4 Area), Marine Corps (Marine Corps Base Hawaii), Navy (Joint Base
5 Pearl Harbor Hickam and Pacific Missile Range Facility), Air
6 Force (Bellows Air Force Station and Hickam Air Force Base), and
7 Coast Guard (Station Maui and the Integrated Support Command in
8 Honolulu).

9 The purpose of this Act is to strengthen the state economy
10 and maintain the mutually beneficial relationship between the
11 State and the military by requiring the governor to enter into a
12 memorandum of understanding with the United States Department of
13 Defense to provide continued support for the military's presence
14 in Hawaii.

15 SECTION 2. The governor on behalf of the State shall enter
16 into a memorandum of understanding with the United States
17 Department of Defense to enhance the State's relationship with
18 the military and provide continued support for the military's
19 presence in Hawaii. The memorandum of understanding may be
20 amended from time to time and shall establish roles and
21 responsibilities for collaborative efforts to preserve and



1 encourage military operations in Hawaii, which efforts may
2 include:

- 3 (1) Retaining or expanding military bases, including
4 research, development, testing and evaluation, and
5 training areas in the State;
- 6 (2) Limiting the development of areas adjacent to military
7 bases and training areas to ensure land uses that are
8 compatible with base activities and that sustain
9 military readiness;
- 10 (3) Facilitating affordable housing located near military
11 bases for military personnel and their families;
- 12 (4) Offering recreational programs, facilities, and
13 promotions for military personnel and their families;
- 14 (5) Identifying civil obligations that may be postponed to
15 accommodate deployed military personnel;
- 16 (6) Supporting families dealing with military deployments;
- 17 (7) Providing workforce training opportunities for
18 military personnel to advance their careers and pursue
19 education;
- 20 (8) Exploring the feasibility of granting credit for
21 military training toward civilian credentialing and
22 licensing for certain trades;



- 1 (9) Encouraging the hiring of military spouses; and
- 2 (10) Promoting awareness, education, and appreciation for
- 3 military operations in the State.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Support for Military Presence in Hawaii; Memorandum of Understanding

Description:

Requires the Governor, on behalf of the State, to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the United States Department of Defense to enhance the State's relationship with the military and provide continued support for the military's presence in Hawaii. (HB2410 HD1)

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