

**2016 HAWAII STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION
STATUS OF BILLS/RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO VETERANS, MILITARY, RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD
(INITIAL REPORT)**

HOUSE BILLS/RESOLUTIONS

BILL NUMBER	TITLE	DESCRIPTION OF BILL	CURRENT STATUS	VFW POSITION
HB 879 [SB 178] Both bills carried over from 2015 Session	RELATING TO VETERANS	Directs the DOH to establish a comprehensive suicide prevention program for veterans. Appropriates moneys.	NOT Passed in 2015 Session	None
HB 880 [SB 177] Both bills carried over from 2015 Session	RELATING TO THE MILITIA	Establishes an employer income tax credit for taxpayers who maintain employee insurance coverage for national guard members for the duration of the national guards' active duty. Expands the powers of the governor and governor's designee in calling the national guard into active duty. Allows the adjutant general to order the national guard into active service for nonemergency purposes that are necessary and attendant to the mission of the department of defense. Expands the rights granted to national guard members to incorporate rights granted under the Service members Civil Relief Act and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.	NOT Passed in 2015 Session	None
HB 1641	RELATING TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES	Authorizes the examiner of drivers to include information about a person's disability on the person's driver's license or civil identification card.	HLT deferred 2/10/2016	None
HB 1807 HD1	RELATING TO MILITARY SERVICE	Authorizes reserve and national guard members to receive paid military leave while on inactive-duty training.	PASSED VMI/LAB; referred to FIN 2/18/2016in 1/27/2016	None
HB 2177	RELATING TO VETERANS	Authorizes Korean War veterans of Korea are to have "veteran" status on their driver's license or civil identification card.	Referred VMI, JUD, & FIN 1/27/2016	None

HB 2437	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT	Requires that a percentage of the annual purchasing expenditure of the State set-aside for small businesses be awarded to veteran-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses, in addition to other preferences provided under the Procurement Code for such businesses..	Referred to VMI/EDB & FIN 1/27/2016	None
HB 2440	RELATING TO DISABLED VETERANS LEAVE	Provides leave to any new State employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at thirty percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability.	Referred to VMI, LAB & FIN 2/1/2016	None
HB 2452	RELATING TO FILIPINO VETERANS	Appropriates funds for burial grants for qualifying Filipino-American veterans to provide funeral and burial services and transportation of their remains to the Philippines, provided that federal funds remain unavailable and there remain eligible Filipino-American veterans living in the State.	Referred to VMI & FIN 2/1/2016	Support
HB 2489	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE	Appropriates funds for the establishment of a veterans service counselor IV position within the Office of Veterans Services to assist all veterans, with a primary focus on female veterans.	PASSED VMI, LAB; referred to FIN 2/18/2016	Support
HB 2491 HD1	RELATING TO VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION	Appropriates funds for programs, ceremonies, and activities commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War (HD1)	PASSED VMI; referred to FIN 2/16/2016	Support
HB 2590	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE	Appropriates funds for the establishment of a veterans service counselor IV position within the Office of Veterans Services to assist all veterans, with a primary focus on female veterans.	Referred to LAB/VMI & FIN 2/1/2016	Duplicate of HB 2489
HB 2741 HD1	RELATING TO MILITARY IN THE ARTS	Appropriates monies for the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to establish an Arts in the Military Program (HD1)	PASSED VMI; referred to FIN 2/16/2016	None
HR5 & HCR 23	URGING CONGRESS TO AMEND FEDERAL LAW TO ALLOW FUNDS FOR THE BURIAL OF QUALIFIED FILIPINO-AMERICAN VETERANS IN NATIONAL	None	PASSED VMI 2/8/2016	Support

	AND STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES TO COVER THE COSTS OF TRANSPORTING THE REMAINS OF FILIPINO-AMERICAN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II TO THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR FUNERAL AND BURIAL SERVICES IN THE PHILIPPINES.			
HCR 40	REQUESTING THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PROVIDE EIGHT-PERSON FIRING PARTIES (SEVEN MEMBERS AND THE FIRING PARTY NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE) AT THE FUNERALS OF ALL AIR FORCE VETERANS AND REITREES WHO WERE DISCHARFGED OR RELEASED UNDER OTHER CONDITIONS THAN DISHONORABLE		Referred to VMI & FIN 2/1/2016	Support

SENATE BILLS

BILL NUMBER	TITLE	DESCRIPTION OF BILL	CURRENT STATUS	VFW POSITION
SB 177 [HB880] Both bills carried over from 2015 session	RELATING TO THE MILITIA	Establishes an employer income tax credit for taxpayers who maintain employee insurance coverage for national guard members for the duration of the national guards' active duty. Expands the powers of the governor and governor's designee in calling the national guard into active duty. Allows the adjutant general to order the national guard into active service for nonemergency purposes that are necessary and attendant to the mission of the department of defense. Expands the rights	NOT Passed in 2015 Session	None

		granted to national guard members to incorporate rights granted under the Service members Civil Relief Act and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.		
SB 178 [HB 879] Both bills carried over from 2015 session	RELATING TO VETERANS	Directs the DOH to establish a comprehensive suicide prevention program for veterans. Appropriates moneys.	NOT Passed in 2015 Session	None
SB 182 Bill carried over from 2015 session	RELATING TO VETERANS	Allows veterans to use a U.S. Department of Defense DD Form 214 Uniformed Services or U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran Health photo-ID card as sufficient proof of veteran status for the purpose of notating veteran status on a driver's license or a state civil identification card.	NOT Passed in 2015 Session	None
SB 2035	AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR ADOLESCENT TREATMENT AND HEALING CENTER, CENTRALIZED AUTO MAINTENANCE FACILITY, HANGAR FOR THE KAUAI FIRE DEPARTMENT HELICOPTER, SALT POND MASTER PLAN, AND VETERANS CEMETERY CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS	Authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds to finance construction of an adolescent treatment and healing center, plans for a centralized auto maintenance facility, construction of a hangar for a fire department helicopter, development of a Salt Pond master plan, and improvements to the Kauai veterans cemetery.	PASSED HSM/PSM; referred to WAM 2/18/2016	None
SB 2704 SD1	RELATING TO TAXABLE INCOME EXCLUSION	Provides an income tax exclusion for compensation received by an individual taxpayer for service in the United States military and who is on active military duty outside the State pursuant to orders (SD1)	PASSED PSM; referred to WSM 2/8/2016	