
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the office of
2 veterans services is the principal agency in the State
3 responsible for the development and management of policies and
4 programs for veterans and their families. The office also acts
5 as liaison between the governor and veterans groups and
6 organizations and serves as an intermediary between the
7 Department of Veterans Affairs and veterans and their family
8 members. The continuous return of troops from the Middle East
9 and the eventual discharge of once-active military personnel in
10 Hawaii has caused a huge backlog of unprocessed documents that
11 is expected to continue if not addressed. The legislature finds
12 that an additional clerk is needed to augment the limited
13 support staff to allow the office of veterans' services to
14 handle the growing number of discharge documents requiring
15 immediate action.

16 The legislature further finds that in order for the office
17 of veterans services to better serve the neighboring islands, it
18 is necessary to provide funding for a travel allowance shortfall



1 for the counselor position that was created in last year's
2 operating budget.

3 The purpose of this Act is to provide additional clerical
4 support for the office of veterans services by establishing one
5 full-time permanent clerk typist II position within the office
6 of veterans services and by providing a travel allowance for the
7 counselor position.

8 SECTION 2. Beginning July 1, 2007, there is established
9 one full-time permanent clerk typist II position within the
10 office of veterans services.

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$33,230, or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
14 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
15 2008-2009, to fund the establishment of one permanent full-time
16 clerk typist II position within the office of veterans services.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
18 of defense for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$8,000, or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for a
22 travel allowance for the counselor position.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 defense for purpose of this Act.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



Report Title:

Office of Veterans Services; Add Permanent Staff; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a permanent clerk typist II position in the office of veterans services on Oahu. Appropriates \$33,230 in FY 2007-2008 and FY 2008-2009. Appropriates \$8,000 in FY 2007-2008 for a travel allowance for the counselor position. (SD1)

