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Healing the Invisible Wounds Act of 2006

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

Latest Action: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. (May 11, 2006)

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Party: Democratic • **State:** HI • **Chamber:** Senate

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	May 11, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Healing the Invisible Wounds Act of 2006 - Prohibits the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from implementing any modification in the manner in which post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is handled in the rating of service-connected disabilities for purposes of the payment of veterans' disability compensation until six months after the Secretary reports to the congressional veterans' committees on the proposed modification.

Directs the Secretary to provide to each member of the National Guard and reserves who serves on active duty in a combat theater a session of group counseling, a session of private counseling, and a presentation on counseling-related matters to the family of such member. Requires the member's counseling to be provided within 14 days after their return from such deployment. Authorizes additional counseling upon member request.

Actions Timeline

- **May 11, 2006:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Apr 4, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 4, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2802-2803)
- **Apr 4, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2803-2804)

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