

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 8, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2340
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2340 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS' SERVICES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Governor to set the salary of the Director of the Office of Veterans' Services (OVS) at an amount not exceeding 74 percent of the salary of the Director of Human Resources Development.

The Department of Defense and the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services testified in support of this bill.

Your Committees find that the present salary of the Director of OVS is not commensurate with the Director's total responsibilities. Moreover, the OVS Director's responsibilities are now more than equivalent to those of a deputy director, overseeing and managing the offices on Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii.

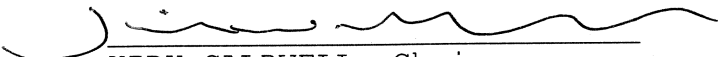
Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the maximum salary percentage to a blank percent to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

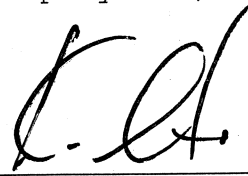


As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and Labor & Public Employment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2340, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Public Safety &
Military Affairs and Labor &
Public Employment,



KIRK CALDWELL, Chair



KEN ITO, Chair



