

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3144

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2934

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Military Affairs and
Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2934 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESS VETERANS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of
general obligation bonds to renovate existing Kalaeloa structures
into shelters for homeless veterans.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Defense Office of Veterans Services, the
Department of Defense Advisory Board on Veterans Services, the
Office of Hawaiian Affairs, US VETS-Hawaii, and three individuals.

Your Committees find that over 250,000 veterans are homeless
across the nation on any given night, that one third of the U.S.
male homeless population is made up of veterans, and that there
are already veterans from the Iraqi incursion of 2003 that have
become homeless since returning home to Hawaii. Your Committees
further find that working with organizations like US VETS-Hawaii,
which can access federal funds to provide veteran social services,
shall relieve some of the financial burden on the State, leaving
more state services available to others in need.

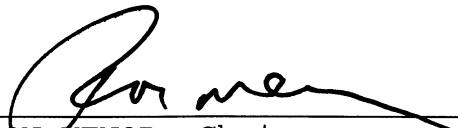
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your
Committees on Education and Military Affairs and Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and Housing that are attached to this report,
your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B.

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No. 2934, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Education and Military Affairs and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing,



RON MENOR, Chair



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



