

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2305
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2305, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve services and activities available to veterans in the State by making changes to the policy advisory board on veterans' services.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Places the policy advisory board on veterans' services within the Office of Veterans' Services of the Department of Defense;
- (2) Increases the membership of the policy advisory board on veterans' services from seven members to twelve;
- (3) Increases the number of members that are required to be veterans from five to six; and
- (4) Requires at least one member each to reside in the counties of Kauai and Maui, two members to reside in the county of Hawaii, and four members to reside in the city and county of Honolulu.

Your Committee notes that, as the number of veterans living in the State continues to increase, the need for services and



activities available to veterans multiplies correspondingly. To ensure fair and equal representation of Hawaii's veterans, this measure requires that members of the policy advisory board reside in each county in numbers that reflect the size of the community served.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the number of members of the policy advisory board from twelve members to eight members, not including the four ex-officio members;
- (2) Limiting determinations of quorum to the presence of regular board members; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2305, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2305, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

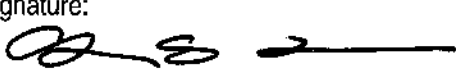


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Ways and Means
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SB 2305 SD1	Committee Referral: EDM, WAM	Date: 2/23/06		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				/
KANNO, Brian				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				/
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TRIMBLE, Gordon	/			
TOTAL	11	0	0	4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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