

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2648  
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. 2648, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to authorize the state Office of Veterans' Services to publish informational newsletters to assist Hawaii's military veterans.

Your Committee finds that the State lacks a reliable and effective method of communicating important information to Hawaii's military veterans, especially those returning from deployment to the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq. This lack of information prevents veterans from utilizing critical outreach and counseling services and participating in upcoming veteran-related events and military ceremonies.

Information regarding outreach and counseling services are extremely important to returning veterans, many of whom are struggling with some form of readjustment problem due to the dangers they faced fulfilling their military duties.

This bill would provide the necessary funds to ensure that veterans are better informed of veteran-related assistance programs and events to lead healthy and productive lives.

Your Committee has amended the bill by:



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- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount to facilitate further discussion on the matter; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for 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. 2648, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2648, 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 2648 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	10	0	1	4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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