

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 146

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Education and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 146 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALLOW NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS AND MILITARY RESERVISTS WITH TWENTY OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE TO RETIRE WITH FULL RETIREMENT BENEFITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request of the federal government to allow National Guard Members and Reservists to retire with full benefits after twenty or more years of service.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Department of Defense, the Hawaii National Guard Association, the Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association, and two individuals.

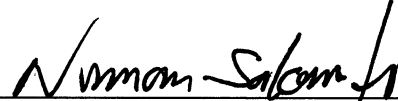
Your Committee finds that National Guard service is a difficult and demanding duty, and that a disparity exists between active military personnel with twenty or more years of service who receive a pension immediately upon retirement, and National Guard and Reservist members with similar service records who must wait until they are at least sixty to receive a pension. Your Committee finds that this disparity should be remedied.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of



S.C.R. No. 146 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education and
Military Affairs,



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



