

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 193
S.D. 1

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. 193 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII TO TAKE STEPS TO WITHDRAW THE HAWAII ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS FROM IRAQ,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to call on the Governor of Hawaii to take steps to withdraw the Hawaii Army and Air National Guard troops from Iraq.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Americans for Democratic Action, Hawaii Chapter; CODEPINK, Women for Peace; Malu 'Aina Center for Non-violent Education & Action; Military Families Speak Out Hawaii; and thirty-two individuals. Comments in opposition to this measure were received from the State Department of Defense.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Army and Air National Guard have shouldered a heavy load as components in the continuing war in Iraq, and they have served well and honorably. Your Committee recognizes the sacrifices that Hawaii National Guard members have made, and notes that three thousand Hawaii Army and Air National Guard members have been deployed, one has been killed, and about two dozen have been injured. For all the reasons stated in the resolution, your Committee supports Hawaii Army and Air National Guard withdrawal from Iraq.

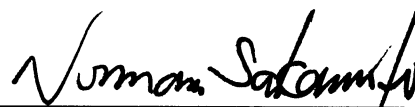


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Correcting that Hawaii has the highest ratio of state "Army National Guard members" on active duty of any other state in the Union;
- (2) Amending the statement that federalization and deployment of Air and Army National Guard members "has rendered" to "may render" the remaining Guard force in Hawaii unable to carry out its missions; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments.

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. 193, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 193, S.D. 1.

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



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



