

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2069

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 13, 2007

RE: H.C.R. No. 213

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 213 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES WHO ARE STILL RECOVERING FROM ILLNESSES OR INJURIES INCURRED IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHILE MOBILIZED FOR DEPLOYMENT TO IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN, AND WHO HAVE EITHER BEEN DISCHARGED FOR MEDICAL REASONS OR RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY TO THEIR RESERVE COMPONENT UNITS, TO CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MEDICAL FACILITIES ON THE SAME BASIS AS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS, OR TO RECEIVE TRICARE COVERAGE ON THE SAME BASIS AS RETIREES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request the United States Department of Defense to allow reserve component military service members who have sustained illnesses or injuries in the line of duty after mobilization for deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom to either, until such time as they have fully recovered from their injuries:

- (1) Continue to be treated at the United States Department of Defense medical facilities on the same basis as active duty service members after they have been discharged or released from active duty to their reserve component units; or

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- (2) Provide them with coverage under the military's Tricare program on the same basis as military retirees.

The Department of Defense, National Guard Association of Hawaii Insurance Trust, and numerous concerned individuals supported this concurrent resolution.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 213 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety &
Military Affairs,


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and Vice Chair



