

Honolulu, Hawaii
Fe 4 15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3019
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 3019 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to recognize the service given to protect our country by Hawaii's veterans by establishing a veterans bonus to be paid to a veteran, or to the dependents of a deceased veteran, if the veteran, among other requirements:

- (1) Was a legal resident of the state for at least six months immediately preceding entry into the armed services of the United States (U.S.); and
- (2) Is still in the U.S. armed services or was separated or discharged from the U.S. armed services honorably or under honorable conditions.

A concerned individual supported this bill. The Office of Veterans Services supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Clarifying that to qualify to receive the bonus, a veteran must have received a fully honorable military discharge;



- (2) Specifying that a veteran's termination date is established by law or presidential proclamation;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3019, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3019, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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


CINDY EVANS, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 3019	Committee Referral: PSM, FIN	Date: 02/14/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
PSM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. EVANS, Cindy (C)	X			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)				X
3. LEE, Marilyn B.				X
4. LUKE, Sylvia				X
5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	X			
6. NAKASONE, Bob				X
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	X			
8. SONSON, Alex M.	X			
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.				X
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	X			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	X			
12. FINNEGAN, Lynn	X			
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	X			
TOTAL (13)	8			5
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>(committee acronym(s))</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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