

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

483

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 19, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 556  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, &  
Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 556 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERAN BURIAL GRANTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to allow Filipino veterans' families who cannot afford funeral services and transportation of the deceased veteran's remains to the Philippines, to receive burial grants for these purposes from the Office of Veterans' Services (OVS).

OVS commented on this bill.

Your Committee heard concerns that the burial grants in this bill would allow individuals with other than honorable service to be eligible for a burial grant. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this bill by removing language that limits grants to veterans not eligible for interment in state and federal veterans' cemeteries.

In addition, to address the fiscal implications of this bill, its applicability was amended to include only those veterans who died after June 30, 2004, instead of June 30, 1994.

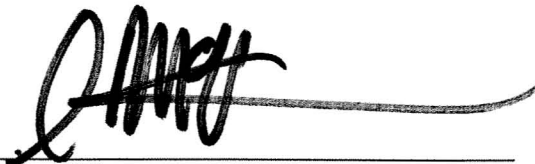
Finally, technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity and style.

HB556 HD1 HSCR EBM HMS 2009-2306



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 556, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 556, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Revitalization, Business, &  
Military Affairs,



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ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 556</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EBM</b>	Date: <b>Feb 12, 2009</b>
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to:     Pass, unamended (as is)     Pass, with amendments (HD)     Hold  
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

EBM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓			
2. CHOY, Isaac W. (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B.	✓			
4. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
5. MANAHAN, Joey	✓			
<del>6. TAKAI, K. Mark</del>				
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
8. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
9. WAKAI, Glenn				✓
10. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
11. WARD, Gene	✓			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>1</b>

The recommendation is:     Adopted     Not Adopted  
 If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ did not support recommendation.  
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: *Isaac W. Choy*

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