

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 687

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 Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 687
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to transfer the Yukio Okutsu
State Veterans Home from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation
(HHSC) to the Office of Veterans' Services (OVS), along with the
position of State Government Liaison Officer.

The Department of Defense's Office of Veterans Services and
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation opposed this bill. The Chief
Executive Officer of the Hilo Medical Center and several concerned
individuals submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing all references to the transfer of the Yukio
Okutsu State Veterans Home from HHSC to OVS;
- (2) Providing OVS with greater access to necessary
information to ensure proper health care is provided to
Hawaii's veterans receiving care from the Yukio Okutsu
State Veterans Home;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to
encourage further discussion; and

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- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 687, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 687, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,




RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 687	Committee Referral: HLT, EBM, FIN	Date: 1-30-09		
<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)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				/
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III	/			
5. BROWER, Tom	/			
6. CARROLL, Mele				/
7. MIZUNO, John M.	/			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			Excused
9. FINNEGAN, Lynn	/			
TOTAL (9)	7			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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