

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 411

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 560
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. 560 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to establish a dedicated source of funding for medical services programs for veterans who served in the Hawaii National Guard by:

- (1) Placing a Veterans' Services Tax on wine, beer, and distilled spirits; and
- (2) Directing revenues from this tax to a newly established Veterans' Services Special Fund, to be used to provide medical support services for Hawaii's National Guard members and to be administered by the Office of Veterans' Services (OVS).

The Department of Taxation and Department of Budget and Finance opposed this bill. OVS and Tax Foundation of Hawaii commented on this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by removing references to medical services and providing that OVS use Veterans' Services Tax revenues for OVS positions and programs. Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were made for clarity, consistency, and style.

HB560 HD1 HSCR EBM HMS 2009-2150



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. 560, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 560, 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,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

HSCR 911

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

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 560	Committee Referral: EBM	Date: Feb 12, 2009		
<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)				
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	✓			
6. TAKAI, K. Mark				
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
8. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
9. WAKAI, Glenn				✓
10. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
11. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (11)	9			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: large;"><i>Isaac W. Choy</i></div>				
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