

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2139

S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2139 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enable the Director of the Office of Veterans' Services to act on behalf of deceased veterans found to be indigent at the time of death and without surviving immediate family members to ensure the burial of the veteran's remains in a state veterans cemetery.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one government entity. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee is informed that a significant number of veterans without family require assistance from the Office of Veterans Services to make their final arrangements. Addressing this issue becomes increasingly important as the age of veterans progresses and as the number of veterans of World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the global war on terrorism increases. This measure will ensure that each veteran who is entitled to military honors and placement in a veteran's cemetery receives appropriate services.

Your Committee has amended this measure to include the provision of cremation services.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2139, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2139, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



WILL ESPERO, Chair



