

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 17, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2843  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2843, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FLAGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to honor American prisoners of war and military personnel who are missing in action by requiring the National League of Families' Prisoner of War/Missing in Action flag to be flown under the United States flag at buildings under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Defense.

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and a concerned individual supported this bill. Meadow Gold Dairies supported the intent of this bill. The Oahu Veterans Council (OVC) and several concerned individuals opposed this bill in its current form and requested amendments to restore the original intent of the bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Including the State Capitol as one of the buildings at which the POW/MIA flag must be flown; and
- (2) Requiring the POW/MIA flag to be flown on six days: Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Veterans Day.



Your Committee finds that flying the POW/MIA flag is a small way in which the State can recognize the tremendous sacrifices of members of the Armed Forces, and families of members of the Armed Forces who are, or were, prisoners of war or missing in action.

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 S.B. No. 2843, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2843, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



