

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2865

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1974
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1974, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal the residency requirements for the burial of members of the United States Armed Forces and their dependents in veterans cemeteries, and to establish criteria consistent with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs' eligibility requirements for burial in a national or state cemetery.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Office of Veterans Services and Oahu Veterans Council.

Your Committee finds that this measure ensures that Hawaii's eligibility requirements for the burial of members of the United States Armed Forces and their dependents comports with the criteria established by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs regarding eligibility for burial in a national or state cemetery.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

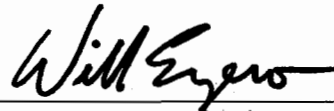
- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2012; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency, including amendments to section 363-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to make the section temporarily ineffective from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2015.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1974, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1974, H.D. 2, 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,
Government Operations, and
Military Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and
Military Affairs
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1974, HD 2	Committee Referral: PGM, WAM	Date: 3-13-12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes