

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2798
H.D. 3

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2798, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A VETERANS TREATMENT COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enhance the effectiveness of the criminal justice system in regards to veterans of war and their unique needs by creating the Temporary Hawaii Veterans Treatment Court.

The Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Oahu Veterans Center, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Military Officers Association of America, and several individuals testified in support of this measure. The Judiciary, Office of Veterans Services, and Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense provided comments on this measure.

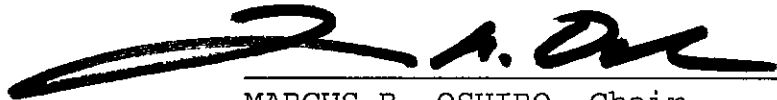
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Broadening the definition of "veteran" in order to serve as many veterans as possible; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2798, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2798, H.D. 3.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



