

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2582
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 S.B. No. 2582 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC PROCUREMENT CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require that of the twenty percent set aside of the State's annual purchasing expenditure to small business, a combined total of not less than three percent shall be awarded to veteran-owned small businesses and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Vietnam Veterans Post 10583 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; General Contractors Association of Hawaii; Military Officers Association of America, Hawaii Chapter; and Oahu Veterans Center.

Your Committee recognizes that much sacrifice and hardship was endured by the veterans who served in the armed forces and supports efforts to rehabilitate and reintegrate them into society as productive and hard working individuals. Your Committee believes that this measure is a fitting and proper recognition of the men and women of our country who have gone to war to fight for and to protect our freedoms, as well as to combat tyranny and oppression of peoples throughout the world.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

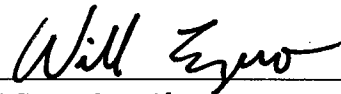
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- (1) Clarifying that the veteran-owned small businesses and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses subject to this measure shall have fifty or fewer employees, to be verified annually by the chief procurement officer; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2020, to allow for further discussion.

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 S.B. No. 2582, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2582, 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



