

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 880

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 880 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS RIGHTS AND BENEFITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit any person from carrying out a demonstration at a state or county veteran's cemetery except as approved by the council of the county in which the cemetery is located. This measure specifies the time periods before and after a funeral, memorial service, or ceremony for which a council may grant approval for a demonstration.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one government agency and three private entities. Testimony in opposition to this measure was received from one national organization.

Your Committee finds that this measure is intended to apply to funeral services at veterans' cemeteries. Recent incidents on the mainland have involved protests at funerals of fallen military servicemen in a show of protest to war. Your Committee believes that respect for the deceased should be observed within a reasonable amount of time before, during, or after a funeral, memorial service, or ceremony.

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. 880 and recommends



that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on
Judiciary and Labor.

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

Will Espero

WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and
Military Affairs
PGM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 880	Committee Referral: PGM, JDL	Date: 2-3-11		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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	3			2
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