

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3161

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2012

RE: S.C.R. No. 10  
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.C.R. No. 10 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE REPEAL OF COMBAT EXCLUSIONARY RULES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support the repeal of combat exclusionary rules.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, Hawaii State Democratic Women's Caucus, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, Hawaii Women's Coalition, and five individuals. Testimony in opposition to this measure was received from the Military Officers Association of America, Hawaii Chapter.

Your Committee finds that military policy provides that women cannot be assigned to units whose primary mission is to engage the enemy. These policies are not based on women's proven abilities. Where and how women serve in the military should be based on ability and training, not gender. In today's all-volunteer force, women have accepted the challenges, responsibilities, and dangers of military service, and have proven themselves accordingly time and time again.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

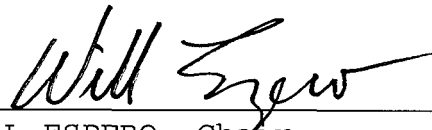
- (1) Amending the title for accuracy; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity and consistency.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 10, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 10, S.D. 1.

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



WILL ESPERO, Chair



