

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

788

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 1, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 196
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 196
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support the establishment
of a Veterans Treatment Court to manage the unique needs of
veterans entering the criminal justice system with mental illness
and substance abuse issues arising from their service to the
country. Specifically, this measure authorizes the establishment
of, and provides funding for:

- (1) A permanent, full-time, Social Worker IV position in the
Judiciary;
- (2) A permanent, full-time, deputy public defender position
in the Office of the Public Defender; and
- (3) Two temporary, full-time, deputy prosecuting attorney
positions within the Department of the Prosecuting
Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, through a
grant-in-aid.

The Judiciary; The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; Military
Officers Association of America, Hawaii Chapter; National
Association for Uniformed Services Hawaii Chapter; and many

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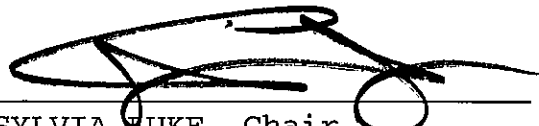
concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The State Office of Veterans Services provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the appropriations by changing the amounts to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Amending its effective date to July 1, 2030, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for 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. 196, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 196, H.D. 1.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

