

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **64**

Honolulu, Hawaii  
**February 5**, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 525

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 525 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FAMILY COURTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support veterans by prohibiting courts from considering a person's federal veterans disability benefits in determining whether to award support and maintenance allowances or the amount of such allowance to the person's spouse or former spouse.


The Oahu Veterans Council testified in support of this measure. The Office of Veterans Services testified in support of the intent of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 525 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB525 HSCR VMI HMS 2013-1645



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Veterans,  
Military, & International  
Affairs, & Culture and the  
Arts,

  
K. MARK TAKAI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB525</b>	Committee Referral: <b>VMI, FIN</b>	Date: <b>1/30/13</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
VMI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAI, K. Mark (C)	✓			
2. ITO, Ken (VC)	✓			
3. BROWER, Tom	✓			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
6. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. MCDERMOTT, Bob	✓			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	<b>10</b>			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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