

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 551  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 551 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A MEMORIAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to direct the  
Office of Veterans' Affairs, with the assistance of the Department  
of Accounting and General Services and the Department of Defense,  
to develop a plan to establish a memorial honoring the veterans of  
the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi  
Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Accounting and General Services, State  
Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and  
Natural Resources, State Office of Veterans' Services, Oahu  
Veterans Center, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the sacrifices of the members of  
the United States Armed Forces have preserved the freedom and  
security enjoyed by U.S. citizens. It is fitting and necessary to  
give visible recognition in the form of a memorial to the  
contributions of veterans from Hawaii who served in the Persian  
Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom,  
Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn.

Your Committee has amended this measure by broadening the  
potential site of the memorial from the State Capitol to the



historical district of Honolulu, due to concerns regarding the limited space and integrity of the Capitol design.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 551, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 551, 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,  
Intergovernmental and Military  
Affairs,



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WILL ESPERO, Chair



