

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 28, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1564
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1564 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to recognize the sacrifices made by the men and women of the armed forces of the United States and continue to honor their memory by properly maintaining the statewide network of veterans' cemeteries. Specifically, this measure requires the counties to obtain approval from the Office of Veterans' Services prior to any action that may negatively impact the State's ability to fulfill its obligation to establish and maintain veterans' cemeteries.

The Office of Veterans' Services; Advisory Board on Veterans' Services; Military Officers Association of America, Hawaii Chapter; and three concerned individuals testified in support of this measure.

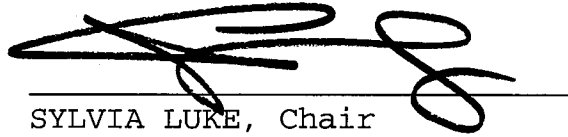
Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion.

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. 1564, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1564, H.D. 1.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



