

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3571**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1564, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require 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 or impair the allocation of federal funds.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Defense, the Military Officer Association of America, and the Office of Veterans Services Advisory Board.

Your Committee finds that the State must ensure the continued allocation of federal funds for veterans cemeteries by requiring compliance by the counties with all federal requirements regarding those cemeteries. To that end, your Committee believes that the Office of Veterans' Services, which oversees the State's veterans cemeteries, should approve in advance any county action that may have an adverse financial impact upon the State's fiscal obligations regarding veterans cemeteries, or that may impair or conflict with federal requirements.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1564, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1564, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



