

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 5, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 163
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 Veterans, Military, & International
Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No.
163 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to recognize the sacrifices
and 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 by requiring
the Office of Veterans' Services, with the assistance of the
Department of Accounting and General Services and Department of
Defense, to develop plans to establish a memorial honoring the
veterans of these conflicts.

The State Department of Defense, Office of Veterans'
Services, and Oahu Veterans Council testified in support of this
measure. The Department of Accounting and General Services
testified in support of the intent of this bill. The State
Historic Preservation Division provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the State Historic Preservation Division
also assist the Office of Veterans' Services in
developing plans to establish the memorial;


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- (2) Deleting language specifying that the memorial be placed on the grounds of the State Capitol near the Korean and Vietnam War Memorial;
- (3) Clarifying that the Office of Veterans' Services shall hold a public hearing no later than 90 days after enactment of this measure to receive comments or input from interested organizations and residents on plans to develop the memorial;
- (4) Specifying that the State Historic Preservation Division shall also assist the Office of Veterans' Services in submitting the report of their findings and recommendations on the development plans to establish the memorial to the Legislature;
- (5) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 163, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 163, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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.: HB163	Committee Referral: VMI, FIN	Date: 1/30/13		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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	✓			
TOTAL (10)	9			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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