

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 28, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1667

H.D. 3

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. 1667, H.D. 2, 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 members of the armed services by exempting certain totally and permanently disabled veterans from having to pay annual motor vehicle registration fees on one of their noncommercial vehicles.

The State Adjutant General and Director of State Civil Defense; Office of Veterans Services; Mayor of the County of Maui; Chair of the County Council of the County of Maui; Advisory Board on Veterans' Services; Military Officers Association of America, Hawaii Chapter; Department of Hawaii, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; and three concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Transportation testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu and Tax Foundation of Hawaii commented on 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. 1667, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1667, H.D. 3.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



