

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 5, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 166
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. 166 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist veteran-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses by requiring that at least three percent of the 20 percent set aside that the Chief Procurement Officer may award to small businesses be awarded to veteran-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses.

The Oahu Veterans Council testified in support of this measure. The State Office of Veterans Services testified in support of the intent of this measure. The General Contractors Association of Hawaii testified in opposition to this bill.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:


- (1) Specifying that nothing in the statutory language enacted by this bill shall limit, restrict, or preclude a veteran-owned or service-disabled veteran-owned small business from qualifying for any other preferences, set-asides, or criteria that may apply under the State Procurement Code;



- (2) Stipulating that the three percent set aside created by this bill is in addition to any other preferences that a veteran-owned or service-disabled veteran-owned small business may qualify for;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) 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. 166, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 166, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Business.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Veterans,
Military, & International
Affairs, & Culture and the
Arts,


K. MARK TAKAI, Chair



