

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 5, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 170

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.
170 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 paying motor vehicle
registration expenses.

The Oahu Veterans Council testified in support of this
measure. The State Office of Veterans Services, City and County
of Honolulu, County of Hawaii, County of Maui, and County of Kauai
testified in support of the intent of this measure. The
Department of Transportation testified in opposition to this
measure. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Placing the exemption from motor vehicle registration
fees in a more appropriate chapter of the Hawaii Revised
Statutes;
- (2) Clarifying that the exemption applies only to the state
motor vehicle registration fee;

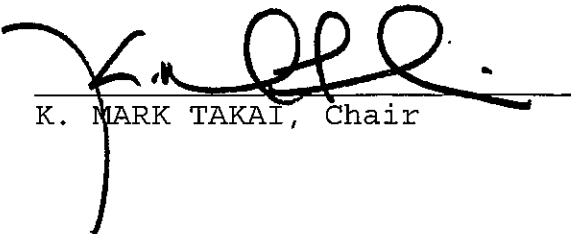
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- (3) Specifying that the exemption from the state motor vehicle registration fee does not apply to:
 - (A) Vehicles used for commercial purposes; or
 - (B) More than one vehicle of the disabled veteran;
- (4) Clarifying that a veteran must be other than dishonorably discharged from the uniformed armed forces to qualify for the exemption rather than simply honorably discharged; and
- (5) 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. 170, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 170, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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


K. MARK TAKAI, Chair



