

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 11, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1770
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 1770 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to continue to honor and recognize Hawaii residents who have served in the armed forces by allowing applicants for a driver's license or State identification card to have their veteran status added to the information on these forms of identification.

The Office of Veterans Services, Department of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Advisory Board on Veterans' Services, Hawaii Alliance of Student Veterans, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill.


Your Committee notes that the Department of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu stated that they would need time to implement the requirements contained in this measure. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this bill by changing its effective date to October 1, 2014, to provide the Department with this additional time.



Your Committee also made 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. 1770, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1770, 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



