

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1907
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.
1907 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUNTING LICENSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to honor the sacrifices of
those who served in the armed services by making available a
lifetime hunting license for a discounted fee for qualified
disabled veterans with a specified disability rating or who were
awarded the Purple Heart.

The Hawaii Rifle Association and several concerned
individuals testified in support of this measure. The Office of
Veterans' Services supported the intent of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Clarifying that the fees for three- and seven-day
hunting licenses for hunting on a private and commercial
shooting preserve do not apply to hunting licenses
issued to qualified disabled veterans;
- (2) Clarifying that, in order to qualify for the discounted,
lifetime hunting license, a qualified disabled veteran
must have at least a 60 percent service-connected
disability, as defined by the Veterans Benefits



Administration, when initially applying for the hunting license;

- (3) Correcting a reference to the Veterans Benefits Administration; 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. 1907, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1907, H.D. 1.

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


K. MARK TAKAI, Chair



HSCR 515-14

Bill/Resolution No.: HB1907	Committee Referral: WAL, VMI, JUD	Date: 2/12/14		
<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. AWANA, Karen	✓			
4. BROWER, Tom	✓			
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.				✓
6. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
7. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
8. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. MCDERMOTT, Bob				✓
11. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
TOTAL (11)	9			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) _____				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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