

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 27, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2072
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2072, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to establish a full-time, permanent Women's Veterans Coordinator position in the Office of Veterans Services to address the specialized needs of female veterans who served on active duty for the full period they were activated and who were discharged with other than a dishonorable discharge.

The State Adjutant General; Director of State Civil Defense; Director of the State Office of Veterans Services; Advisory Board on Veterans' Services; Hawaii Military Women's Task Force; National Association for Uniformed Services, Hawaii Chapter; Military Officers Association of America, Hawaii Chapter; Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women; Hawaii State Democratic Women's Caucus; and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure.

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. 2072, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



