

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 5, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 580
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.
580 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR
FAMILIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist military families in
relocating and transitioning to Hawaii by establishing:

- (1) A center for transition, immersion, and education under
the jurisdiction of the Department of Business, Economic
Development, and Tourism that will assist military
members and their families transitioning to Hawaii, and
assist Hawaii residents to better understand and engage
with military members in the State; and
- (2) The Center for Transition, Immersion, and Education
Special Fund to be used for administering the center for
transition, immersion, and education.

The Oahu Veterans Council, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii,
and several concerned individuals testified in support of this
measure. The State Department of Defense testified in support of
the intent of this measure. The Department of Business, Economic
Development, and Tourism and Department of Budget and Finance
provided comments.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Establishing a new Chapter in the Hawaii Revised Statutes relating to the State Department of Defense;
- (2) Placing jurisdiction for the center for transition, immersion, and education and the Center for Transition, Immersion, and Education Special Fund under the State Department of Defense rather than the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
- (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. 580, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 580, 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



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

Bill/Resolution No.: HB580	Committee Referral: YMI FIN	Date: 1/30/13		
<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. BROWER, Tom	✓			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
6. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. MCDERMOTT, Bob	✓			
TOTAL (10)	10			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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