

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 35
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 35 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE
LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII FOR THE TROOP TALENT ACT
OF 2013,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to express the
legislature's support of the Troop Talent Act of 2013.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the National Association for Uniformed Services, Hawaii
Chapter; The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; The Mestizo
Association; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the transition from military to
civilian life is difficult for countless veterans, leading to high
unemployment rates in the veteran population. Despite many
veterans leaving the military with valuable skills and training,
several obstacles, including injuries, lack of civilian work
experience, and license and certification issues, hinder a smooth
transition from military service to civilian life. The Troop
Talent Act of 2013 assists veterans in adjusting to civilian life
by reestablishing the Professional Certification and Licensure
Advisory Committee and ensuring that veterans and members of the
United States Armed Forces are provided with proper education and
training to better assist them in obtaining civilian
certifications and licenses.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 35, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 35, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



