

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 541

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 541 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS DISABILITY BENEFITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt federal veterans' disability benefits from seizure to enforce a court judgment, except for certain child and spousal support cases.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Veterans Services, State of Hawaii; Oahu Veterans Council; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds disabled veterans often live on their disability income, which generally falls short of necessary expenses. Veterans' permanent disabilities often do not allow them to pursue gainful or supplemental employment. Providing an exemption for permanently disabled veterans' benefits from seizure by creditors will improve the quality of life for veterans.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 541 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.



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

*Will Espero*

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WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 541</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PSM, JDL</b>	Date: <b>1-31-2013</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
GREEN, Josh				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Rosalyn H Baker</div>				
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