

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 168

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 12, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1005  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International  
Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No.  
1005 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE VETERANS  
TREATMENT COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an appropriation to  
support the Veterans Treatment Court.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Judiciary, Department of Defense, Advisory Board to the  
Office of Veterans' Services, and one concerned individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the  
Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of  
Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that the Veterans Treatment Court is a  
successful program that has helped many veterans in Hawaii who  
have faced difficulties reintegrating with society following  
military service. Specifically, the program pairs veterans with a  
mentor who can help the veteran recover from difficult issues such  
as substance abuse or post-traumatic stress disorder. The



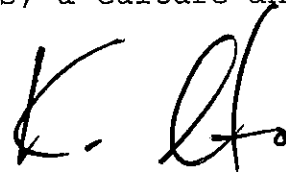
Veterans Treatment Court program was originally funded by a three-year federal grant, which will expire on September 30, 2015. Your Committee finds that adequate permanent funding is crucial to the continuation of the program and will enable it to assist more veterans and reduce recidivism and crime.

Your Committee further finds that the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu serves a critical role in the operation of the Veterans Treatment Court. Accordingly, your Committee believes that an appropriation of \$65,000 would help the Department continue to contribute to the success of the Veterans Treatment Court.

Your Committee has amended this measure to include an appropriation of an unspecified amount for fiscal year 2015-2016 as a grant-in-aid to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu to hire necessary staff to support the Veterans Treatment Court.

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. 1005, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1005, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



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KEN ITO, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 1005</b>	Committee Referral: <b>VMI, JLD, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/9/15</b>		
<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. ITO, Ken (C)	✓			
2. TOKIOKA, James Kunane (VC)	✓			
3. BROWER, Tom				✓
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
6. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	✓			
7. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
10. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
11. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
12. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani				✓
13. WARD, Gene				✓
<b>TOTAL (13)</b>	<b>10</b>			<b>3</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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