

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 11, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2489

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 2489 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

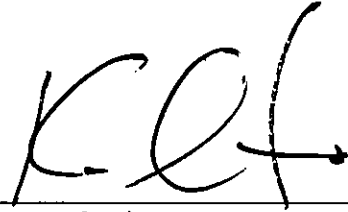
The purpose of this measure is to address the special needs of female veterans by appropriating funds for the establishment of one full-time permanent Veterans Services Counselor IV position in the Office of Veterans' Services to address the needs of all veterans, with a focus on female veterans who served on active duty for the full period they were activated.

The Department of Defense, Office of Veterans' Services, The Sex Abuse Treatment Center, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, Women Veterans Task Force Committee, and several concerned individuals supported this measure.

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. 2489 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Labor & Public Employment.



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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Ito', written over a horizontal line.

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 2489</b>	Committee Referral: <b>VMI, LAB, FIN</b>	Date: <b>02/18/2016</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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. DeCOITE, Lynn	✓			
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	✓			
8. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
9. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
10. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
11. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
12. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
13. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
14. WARD, Gene	✓			
<b>TOTAL (14)</b>	<b>14</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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