

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 19, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2490  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 2490, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to recognize the dedication, service, and sacrifice of disabled veterans by exempting them from county vehicle taxes and from the state annual vehicle registration fee, without regard to whether the disabled veteran is in receipt of military disability retirement pay.

The Office of Veterans' Services, NuWayve Unlimited, and a concerned individual testified in support of this measure. The Department of Transportation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

Act 128, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, was passed to recognize the sacrifices made by members of the United States armed forces by exempting qualifying veterans who are totally and permanently disabled from paying the annual vehicle registration fee. However, a requirement that these disabled veterans also receive disability retirement pay from a branch of the uniformed services has made it difficult for disabled veterans to be eligible to receive the exemption from annual vehicle registration fees. This measure addresses this issue.



Additionally, your Committee finds that exempting disabled veterans from county vehicle taxes on their vehicle is a small price to pay to recognize the sacrifices of these individuals.

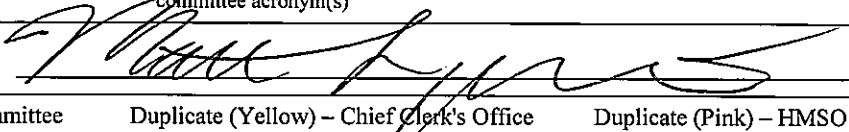
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2490, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation,

  
HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2490 HD1	Committee Referral: VMI, TRN, FIN	Date: 2-17-16		
<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)				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)	X			
2. LoPRESTI, Matthew S. (VC)	X			
3. HAR, Sharon E.	X			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	X			
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	X			
6. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	X			
7. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.				X
8. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.				X
9. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	X			
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.				X
11. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	X			
12. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.	X			
TOTAL (12)	9			3
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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