

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2943

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2491
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2491, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for programs, ceremonies, and activities commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Vietnam War.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense, Office of Veterans Services, Veterans of Foreign Wars Hawaii Legislative Liaison, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Fiftieth Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration Committee, Vietnam Veterans of America, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that many individuals who served honorably in the United States Armed Services during the Vietnam War came home to a divided nation. Some of these individuals served voluntarily and some were drafted into service, but in many cases they were not welcomed home in a manner befitting their service and sacrifice. Your Committee finds that honorable and respectful commemoration of the Vietnam War's fiftieth anniversary is especially appropriate in Hawaii because during the Vietnam War Hawaii served as a rest and recuperation location for deployed troops to meet their spouses, families, and friends.



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 H.B. No. 2491, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Clarence K. Nishihara

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2491, HDI	Committee Referral: PSM, WAM	Date: 3/17/16
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				/
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	4			1

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Will Espero*

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