

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3650

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 2016

RE: H.C.R. No. 40

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.C.R. No. 40 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE SECRETARY OF
THE AIR FORCE PROVIDE EIGHT-PERSON FIRING PARTIES (SEVEN
MEMBERS AND THE FIRING PARTY NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN
CHARGE) AT THE FUNERALS OF ALL AIR FORCE VETERANS AND
RETIREEES WHO WERE DISCHARGED OR RELEASED UNDER CONDITIONS
OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that the
Secretary of the Air Force provide eight-person firing parties at
the funerals of all United States Air Force veterans and retirees
who were discharged or released under conditions other than
dishonorable.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Veterans' Services and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the branches of the United States
Armed Forces that perform funeral honors for eligible veterans and
retirees in Hawaii historically include an honors detail
consisting of two individuals to fold and present the internment
flag, one individual to play Taps, and a firing team to perform a
three-volley salute at the funeral. As of December 1, 2015, the
United States Air Force reduced their honors detail at funerals
for veterans to eliminate the firing team while the firing team is
still required for funerals of active duty Air Force members.
Your Committee further finds that Air Force veterans and retirees


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have earned the gratitude of the nation through their service and deserve complete honors details at the occasion of their funerals.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 40, and recommends its adoption.

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



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 40	Committee Referral: PSM	Date: 4/14/16		
<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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Will Espero				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes