

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2473

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2256  
S.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 S.B. No. 2256 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER  
LICENSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize  
issuance of a driver's license with the notation of "veteran" for  
persons who are veterans of the Korean conflict.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Defense Office of Veterans Services, City  
and County of Honolulu City Council, and Korean War Veterans  
Association Aloha Chapter.

Your Committee finds that existing provisions of the Hawaii  
Revised Statutes allow individuals who have served in the United  
States armed services and are veterans of the Korean conflict to  
have "Korea Veteran" imprinted on their Hawaii license plates.  
Although the Hawaii Revised Statutes also provides for annotation  
of veteran status on driver's licenses, existing language makes it  
difficult for veterans of the Korean conflict to qualify for the  
veteran's annotation provision. Your Committee finds that these  
veterans should have access to full documentation of their veteran  
status.

Your Committee also recognizes that numerous individuals  
served in the armed forces of the Republic of Korea and fought in



the Korean conflict under the command of the United Nations led by the United States, and that many of these individuals are now citizens of the United States. Your Committee finds that such individuals should be acknowledged as veterans.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding language to the definition of "veteran" and a conforming amendment to include individuals who served in the armed forces of the Republic of Korea, who fought under the command of the United Nations led by the United States during the Korean conflict and are currently United States citizens; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

Your Committee also notes that numerous individuals served in the armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam and fought in the Vietnam conflict alongside United States armed services personnel, and that many of these individuals are now citizens of the United States. Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Transportation and Energy to consider amending the definition of "veteran" to include such individuals if your Committee on Transportation and Energy hears this measure.

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 S.B. No. 2256, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2256, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Transportation and Energy.

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**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2256	Committee Referral: PSM, TRE	Date: 2/16/16		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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)	X			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	X			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				X
SLOM, Sam	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Will Espero</i>				
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