

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2401

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2016

RE: S.B. No. 3112

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. 3112 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, Department of Defense Office of Veterans' Services, State Veterans Advisory Board, Hawaii 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration Committee, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Oahu Veterans Council, and eight 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 S.B. No. 3112 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, Chair



