

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

925

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 19, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 343  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 343 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Exempt qualifying totally and permanently disabled veterans from the State's annual vehicle registration fee commencing September 1, 2015; and
- (2) Require the Office of Veterans' Services to annually submit a report on the number of disabled veterans qualifying for the exemption to the Legislature and Department of Taxation.

The Advisory Board of the Office of Veterans' Services; Department of Hawaii, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; and two concerned individuals supported this measure. The Office of Veterans' Services supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Transportation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.


Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the date upon which the registration fee exemption commences to September 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 343, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 343, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Veterans,  
Military, & International  
Affairs, & Culture and the  
Arts,



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KEN ITO, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts**

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>SB 343</i>	Committee Referral: <i>VMI, TRN, FIN</i>	Date: <i>3/16/15</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
VMI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ITO, Ken (C)	✓			
2. TOKIOKA, James Kunane (VC)	✓			
3. BROWER, Tom	✓			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
6. DeCOITE, Lynn	✓			
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	✓			
8. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
9. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
10. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
11. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
12. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
13. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
14. WARD, Gene	✓			
<b>TOTAL (14)</b>	<b>13</b>			<b>1</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <i>[Signature]</i>				
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