

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 559
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 559 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MILITARY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the Office of Veterans' Services to include military affairs; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to expand the Office of Veterans' Services to include military affairs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Office of Veterans Services, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the United States military presence in the State is critical to the State's economy. Military spending in the State is approximately \$8,800,000,000 each year and generates approximately 102,000 local jobs. The military's influence on the State's economy is second to only tourism. The Office of Military Affairs and Veterans' Services will address the needs of the expanded and appreciated military and veteran population in the State.

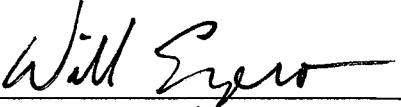
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Expanding the duties of the Office of Military Affairs and Veterans' Services to include interacting and working with the Armed Services in the State to address any issues; collecting and maintaining information pertaining to the military's economic impact in the State; serving as a liaison between the State's Executive Branch and the State's Armed Services; and researching federal funding opportunities; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 559, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 559, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



WILL ESPERO, 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.:* SB 559	Committee Referral: PSM, WAM	Date: 2-5-2015		
<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
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4	-	-	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Rosalyn H. Baker</div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes