

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 16, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1420 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 1420 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FILIPINO VETERANS BURIAL ASSISTANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to honor Filipino-American veterans of World War II by appropriating \$75,000 in each year of fiscal biennium 2017-2019 for burial grants for Filipino-American veterans of World War II.

The State Office of Veterans Services; Governor's Advisory Board for Veteran Services; Hawaii Civil Rights Commission; National Federation of Filipino American Associations Region 12; Filipino American Citizens League; Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights; and several concerned individuals supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making the appropriation an unspecified sum; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Should your Committee on Finance deliberate further on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider

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appropriating sufficient funds for the costs of transporting Filipino-American veterans' remains to the Philippines, along with funding for burial and funeral costs.

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 H.B. No. 1420, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1420, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

Arts,

KEN ITO, Chair

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

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee F	Referral:		Date:	0/10	
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θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to: θ Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) θ Hold						
θ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)						
VMI Members		Ayes	Ayes (W	R) N	lays	Excused
1. ITO, Ken (C)						
2. TOKIOKA, James Kunane (VC))	V				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.						•
4. CHOY, Isaac W.						
5. OHNO, Takashi						
6. ONISHI, Richard H.K.						
7. WOODSON, Justin H.		V				
8. WARD, Gene						

TOTAL (8)		7				1
The recommendation is: Adopted θ Not Adopted						
If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronomic did not support recommendation.						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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