

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

423

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

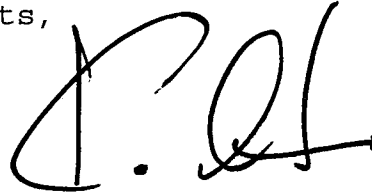
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appropriating sufficient funds for the costs of transporting Filipino-American veterans' remains to the Philippines, along with funding for burial and funeral costs.

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



