

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 17, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 227
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. 227 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enhance veterans' employment opportunities by requiring the Office of Veterans' Services to conduct a study on establishing a Veterans Conservation Corps Program to assist veterans in obtaining training, certification, and employment in environmental protection, restoration, and management.

The Office of Veterans Services, Military Aloha State Transition & Economic Retention Council (MASTER C), and several concerned individuals supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the requirement that the proposed Veterans Conservation Corps Program must be established within and administered by the Office of Veterans' Affairs;
- (2) Requiring that the study include an analysis of the administration of the Veterans Conservation Corps

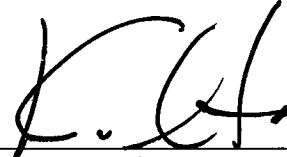


Program by a private non-profit organization or through a partnership between the public and private sectors; and

- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 227, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 227, 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



