

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1160

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2017

RE: H.B. No. 942
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on International Affairs and the Arts and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 942, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to commission an artist to design and build a monument to honor and commemorate Filipino veterans of World War II.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense State Office of Veterans Services, Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights, and three individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Your Committees find that the time has come for long overdue recognition of the heroic contributions of more than two hundred sixty thousand Filipino veterans who fought under the American flag during World War II. With the building of this monument, Hawaii joins national efforts to pay a debt of gratitude and restorative justice to the dwindling generation of Filipino veterans who served under U.S. command but did not receive all of the veteran status and benefits they rightfully deserved. Your



Committees further find that a monument to honor and commemorate Filipino veterans would demonstrate Hawaii's immense gratitude, provide a visual reminder of Filipino veterans' unique place in history, and educate the public on the role that Filipino veterans played in the outcome of World War II.

Your Committees note that the recommended appropriation for this measure is \$200,000. Your Committees further request if your Committee on Ways and Means passes this measure, that it include language requiring that the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts establish an advisory committee to implement this measure.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the source of funds from the works of art special fund to general revenues of the State;
- (2) Making the appropriation apply only to fiscal year 2018-2019;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of May 22, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on International Affairs and the Arts and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 942, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 942, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on International
Affairs and the Arts and Public
Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs,

Clarence K. Nishihara

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair


Brian T. Taniguchi

BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on International Affairs and the Arts
IAA

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<i>HB 942, HD1</i>	<i>IAA/PSM, WAM</i>	<i>3/23/2017</i>		
<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
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				✓
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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