

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 10, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1526  
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.  
1526 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL RELIEF FOR STATE  
MILITARY FORCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand protections for  
military service members by:

- (1) Conforming Chapter 657D, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
relating to civil relief for state military forces, to  
the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act; and
- (2) Waiving filing fees and court costs for a service member  
or other person seeking to enforce rights under Chapter  
657D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The State Adjutant General and National Association for  
Uniformed Services - Hawaii Chapter supported this measure. The  
United States Department of Defense State Liaison Office submitted  
comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2051, to  
encourage further discussion; and



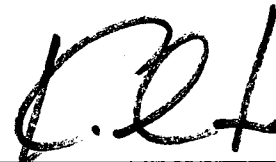
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee recognizes the concerns raised by the United States Department of Defense State Liaison Office. Should your Committee on Judiciary choose to hear this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider including:

- (1) Other kinds of contracts, such as those for telecommunication services, internet service, television service, athletic club or gym membership, or satellite radio service under the consumer protections for military service members provided in this measure; and
- (2) Federal active-duty military members within the scope of this measure by amending the proposed definition of "military service" to include individuals under a call to active service authorized by the President of the United States or the Secretary of Defense for a period of more than 30 consecutive days.

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. 1526, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1526, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



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KEN ITO, Chair



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

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB1526</b>	Committee Referral: <b>VMI, JUD, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/9/17</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
VMI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ITO, Ken (C)	✓			
2. TOKIOKA, James Kunane (VC)	✓			
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
4. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
5. OHNO, Takashi				✓
6. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
7. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
8. WARD, Gene	✓			
<b>TOTAL (8)</b>	<b>7</b>			<b>1</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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