

Honolulu, Hawaii

**February 5**, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1965  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International  
Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No.  
1965 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS TREATMENT COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to recognize and address the  
unique needs of veterans entering the criminal justice system on  
the Island of Hawaii by:

- (1) Authorizing the conversion of a temporary Social Worker  
IV position to a permanent position and establishing an  
additional permanent Social Worker IV position within  
the Judiciary to support the veterans treatment court in  
the Third Circuit; and
- (2) Appropriating funds to the Judiciary for those  
positions.

The Judiciary, Office of Veterans Services, Mayor of the  
County of Hawaii, Councilmember representing District 3 of the  
County of Hawaii, Councilmember representing District 6 of the  
County of Hawaii, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County  
of Hawaii, Hawai'i County Bar Association, Hawaii Substance Abuse  
Coalition, Shipman Law, Rainbow Family 808, and several concerned



individuals testified in support of this measure. A concerned individual provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to June 15, 2215, to facilitate further discussion.

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. 1965, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1965, 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,

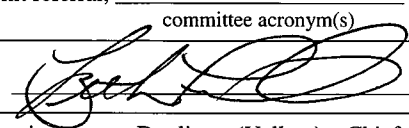
  
MATTHEW S. LOPRESTI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
 House of Representatives  
 The Twenty-ninth Legislature

*House 39-18*

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

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB1965	<b>Committee Referral:</b> VMI, JUD, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2/1/10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
<b>VMI Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. LoPRESTI, Matthew S. (C)	/			
2. FUKUMOTO, Beth (VC)	/			
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.	/			
4. CHOY, Isaac W.	/			
5. ITO, Ken	/			
6. OHNO, Takashi	/			
7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
8. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
9. WOODSON, Justin H.	/			
10. WARD, Gene				/
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>1</b>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> 				
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