

Honolulu, Hawaii

**February 5**, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2697  
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. 2697 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to effectuate its title.

H.B. No. 2697 was introduced as a short-form bill, which is sometimes referred to as a "vehicle" bill primarily used to introduce a bill containing only a general idea as to the purpose of the bill without specific details in the long form.

Your Committee has amended the bill to provide the substantive contents of the bill in long form so that a public hearing may be properly held on its substantive contents.

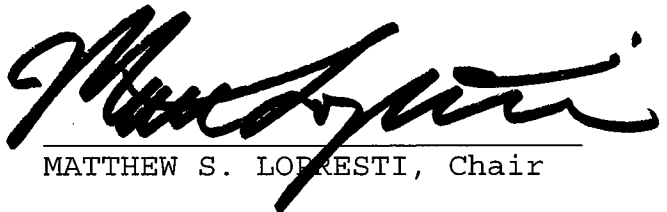
The purpose of this measure, as amended, is to assist Hawaii's veterans, including their families and dependents, by requiring the Office of Veterans' Services to organize, coordinate, and conduct an annual State of Hawaii veterans summit.

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 action to report out H.B. No. 2697, as amended herein, and recommends that it be recommitted to your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, for the purpose of holding a public hearing thereon, in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2697, H.D. 1.

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 **HSCR 66-18**

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

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 2097</b>	Committee Referral: <b>VMI</b>	Date: <b>2/1/18</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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
VMI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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