

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2697  
H.D. 2

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, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure 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 and to appropriate funds to  
conduct the Summit.

The Office of Veterans Services and two concerned individuals  
testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the State of Hawaii Veterans Summit to be  
conducted biennially rather than annually;
- (2) Changing its effective date to March 19, 2100, to  
facilitate further discussion; 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. 2697, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2697, H.D. 2, 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,



MATTHEW S. LOPRESTI, Chair



