

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3779

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 2018

RE: H.C.R. No. 109

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 109 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO GRANT FULL
VETERANS BENEFITS TO FILIPINO VETERANS WHO FOUGHT IN WORLD
WAR II BUT WERE SUBSEQUENTLY DENIED THE BENEFITS TO WHICH
THEY WERE ENTITLED,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
President of the United States and the United States Congress to
grant full veterans benefits to Filipino veterans who fought in
World War II but were subsequently denied the benefits to which
they were entitled.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Veterans' Services, Hawai'i Civil Rights
Commission, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities for
the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that thousands of Filipino men and women
risked their lives against the invading and occupying Japanese
forces and assisted our nation in its efforts to liberate the
Philippines during World War II. Your Committee also finds that
those Filipinos who served in the Philippine Commonwealth Army
were made eligible for full United States veterans benefits for
their active duty service. However, in 1946, by congressional act



and upon the granting of full independence to the Philippines, these same Filipino veterans were denied eligibility for United States veterans benefits, including health care, disability pensions, and burial expenses. Your Committee finds that restoring benefits denied to Filipino veterans and fulfilling and expediting any pending claims would honor those Filipino veterans who served with our armed forces so courageously.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 109, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,

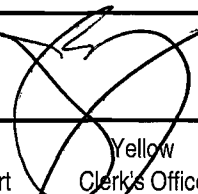


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HER 109	PSM	April 13, 2018		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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