

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28, 2018

RE: H.C.R. No. 174
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.C.R. No. 174 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES TO STUDY HOW THE INCREASE IN BURIAL SERVICE REQUESTS HAS AFFECTED THE HAWAII STATE VETERANS CEMETERY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Office of Veterans' Services to report to the Legislature on how the increase in burial service requests has affected the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery.

Your committee received testimony in support from the State of Hawaii DoD, Hawaii State Office of Veterans Services, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hoomanapono Political Action Committee (HPAC), and four individuals.

Your committee noted that the backlog is partially caused by an annual increase in burial service requests during the winter months of November through March.



Your committee has amended this measure by requesting 1-year, 5-year, and 10-year plans for cemetery operations, including staff, burial space, honor guard availability, and budget estimates.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 174, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 174, 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



