

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 5, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 671

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military
Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 671 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow a surviving,
unmarried, same-sex partner of a deceased veteran to be interred
at any state veterans cemetery if the surviving spouse provides
evidence that the couple would have been married but for a state
law prohibiting same-sex marriage.

The LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Rainbow
Family 808, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the
Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and several individuals testified in
support of this measure. The State Office of Veterans Services
provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that a surviving spouse provide written
evidence that includes a joint bank account, an
affidavit, or a rental agreement;
- (2) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to
promote further discussion; and

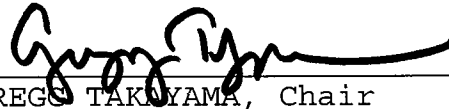
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- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 671, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 671, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Veterans, & Military Affairs,



GREGG TAKAYAMA, Chair



