

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

567

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2019

RE: S.B. No. 604

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 604 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM REGISTRATION  
FEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal the  
requirement that a disabled veteran be in receipt of disability  
retirement pay in order to be exempt from the payment of annual  
vehicle registration fees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Defense, Department of Transportation,  
State Office of Veterans Services, and one individual. Your  
Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax  
Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the State must properly appreciate  
and honor its disabled veterans. State law currently provides  
disabled veterans with an exemption from registration fees for  
certain vehicles, provided that the disabled veteran meets certain  
conditions. Removing the unnecessary condition that the disabled  
veteran be in receipt of disability retirement pay to qualify for  
the registration fee exemption would allow more disabled veterans  
to benefit from this exemption.



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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 604 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

*Clarence K. Nishihara*

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 604	PSM, WAM	2-12-2019		
<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.	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	-	-	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Rosalyn H Baker</div>				
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