

Honolulu, Hawaii  
FEB 18 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1421  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans, to which was referred H.B. No. 1421 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A MEMORIAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriate funds for plans and design of a veterans' memorial, with replicas of the memorial on each neighbor island, as recommended by the Gulf War Memorial Task Force formed as a result of Act 139, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013 (Act 139).

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense, State Office of Veterans Services, and nine individuals.

Your Committee finds that pursuant to Act 139, the Office of Veterans Services, with the assistance of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Department of Defense, and State Historic Preservation Division, developed a plan to establish a memorial honoring the veterans of the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Global War on Terrorism, Homeland Defense, and Operation Noble Eagle and those who have protected our borders by land, sea, and air.



In 2014, the task force's report was presented to the Legislature, requesting an appropriation to plan, design, and construct a memorial with a prime location at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe and replicas on each neighbor island. This measure authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the planning and design components of the memorial and replicas.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Should your Committee on Finance decide to hear this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider appropriating \$250,000 for the plans and design of the veterans' memorial.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1421, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1421, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Corrections,  
Military, & Veterans,

  
TAKASHI OHNO, Chair



