

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 959

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Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans, to which was referred H.B. No. 959 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the payment of an allowance for Tricare Reserve Select or other government-funded premium payments to officers, warrant officers, or enlisted personnel of the Hawaii National Guard under certain circumstances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense.

Your Committee finds that this measure would authorize the Hawaii National Guard to provide health insurance coverage for personnel called to active duty in the service of the State. Absent such authorization, when these service members are activated for more than thirty days, most would have no medical insurance for routine medical care.

Your Committee notes that this measure does not utilize general funds but rather, will use monies from the Major Disaster Fund.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 959, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 959, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



TAKASHI OHNO, Chair



