STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3256**

Honolulu, Hawaii APR - 4 2006

RE: S.R. No. 92

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 92 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ALLOW ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES RESERVE COMPONENT TO ACCESS THE TRICARE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States Congress to authorize funds for armed forces reserve components to access TRICARE program health benefits without restrictions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Department of Defense, the Hawaii National Guard Association, and the Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association.

Your Committee finds that medical readiness continues to be an issue of concern for the National Guard, and that during mobilization, the number one reason a member is found non-deployable is a medical issue. Your Committee finds that allowing access to TRICARE for members of the National Guard and Reserves would greatly enhance personnel readiness.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 92 and recommends its adoption.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Education and Military Affairs,

NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Education and Military Affairs (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SR 92	Committee Referral:		Date: 03/29/06		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is to:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit (2312) (2311) (2310) (2313)					
Members		Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)					
HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)					
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne		/_			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.		//			
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	in day of Grander Colors Co	//		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
HOGUE, Bob					
TOTAL		6			4
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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^{*}Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.