

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 788

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 1, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 613

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which
was referred H.B. No. 613 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to equitably reflect in the
membership of the Policy Advisory Board on Veterans' Services
(Board) the changing regional demographic of veterans in the
state, particularly the increase of veterans residing in west
Hawaii. Specifically, this bill:

- (1) Increases the membership of the Board from seven to nine
members;
- (2) Requires that of the members:
 - (A) At least one member each shall reside in the County
of Maui, County of Kauai, east Hawaii and west
Hawaii; and
 - (B) Four members shall reside in the City and County of
Honolulu;

and

- (3) Designates the Director for the Office of Veterans'
Services (Director) as an ex-officio voting member of
the Board.

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The Director and the Board supported this bill.

Under current law, the Board consists of seven members. Furthermore, each of the four counties is represented by at least one member who resides in that county.

Your Committee finds that, to properly reflect the demographic changes among veterans in Hawaii, with an unprecedented increase of veterans moving to west Hawaii, and to ensure proper representation for all veterans in an equal manner, it is necessary to require that west Hawaii receive representation separate from that of east Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 613 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



CINDY EVANS, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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| Bill/Resolution No.: HB 613 | | Date: 2/8/07 | | |
| Committee Referral: PSM | | <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | |
| The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommitment for further consideration | | | | |
| PSM Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. EVANS, Cindy (C) | ✓ | | | |
| 2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| 3. LEE, Marilyn B. | ✓ | | | |
| 4. LUKE, Sylvia | | | | ✓ |
| 5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. | ✓ | | | |
| 6. NAKASONE, Bob | ✓ | | | |
| 7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. | ✓ | | | |
| 8. SONSON, Alex M. | ✓ | | | |
| 9. SOUKI, Joseph M. | | | | ✓ |
| 10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. | ✓ | | | |
| 11. TAKUMI, Roy M. | | | | ✓ |
| 12. FINNEGAN, Lynn | | | | ✓ |
| 13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos | ✓ | | | |
| TOTAL | 9 | - | - | 4 |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: | | | | |
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