STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1042

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 1 4 2007

RE: S.R. No. 19

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 19 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING ENACTMENT OF H.R. 4574/S. 57, "FILIPINO AMERICAN VETERANS EQUITY ACT OF 2007" OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDES FEDERAL VETERANS BENEFITS AND SERVICES TO THE WORLD WAR II FILIPINO AMERICAN VETERANS AND THE FILIPINO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide Federal veterans' benefits and services to World War II Filipino veterans.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Philippine Nurses Association - Hawaii, Filipino Coalition for Solidarity, Congress of Visayan Organizations, Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness Research and Training - Hawaii, National Federation of Filipino American Associations, Oahu Filipino Community Council, Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc., and United Filipino Council of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that members of the Philippine
Commonwealth Armed Forces and the Special Philippine Scouts were
drafted into the United States Armed Forces by the Military Order
of July 26, 1941, and from 1941-1946, tens of thousands of
Filipino soldiers risked their lives assisting the United States
Armed Forces in its campaign to liberate the Philippines. To this
end, it is the intent of your Committee to support the provision
of Federal veterans' benefits and services to Filipino wartime
veterans for their valiant service during World War II.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 19 and recommends its adoption.

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

LORRAINE R. TNOUYE Chai

The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	2-2-1				
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)					
HEMMINGS, Fred					
TOTAL		3			·
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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