STAND. COM. REP. NO. 724

Honolulu, Hawaii

Monh 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 632

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

## Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 632 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POLICY ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERANS' SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that the membership of the Policy Advisory Board on Veterans' Services (Board) represents the full range of veterans' interests by:

- (1) Requiring the Governor, in appointing members, to ensure that all minority viewpoints are represented, including issues of concern to women veterans; and
- (2) Providing that one member be a representative of the Yukio Okutsu Veterans' Home.

The Office of Veterans' Services (OVS) supported the intent of this bill.

OVS testified that the Board currently appoints members who are female or who represent ethnic minorities; however, your Committee finds that this bill is necessary if we are to ensure that minority viewpoints will continue to be represented on the Board in the future. Your Committee also heard that a representative from the Yukio Okutsu Veterans' Home attends Board meetings and that a measure currently moving through the

Legislature would increase the information available to the Board concerning this facility.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the requirement that a representative of the Yukio Okutso Veterans' Home be on the Board; and
- (2) Changing the effective date of the measure to July 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 632, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 632, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs,

ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-fifth Legislature



## Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 632	Committee Referral:	Date	2/24/09	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EBM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)				
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2. CHOY, Isaac W. (VC)				
3. BERG, Lyla B.	2 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -			
J. DERG, Lyla D.				
4. EVANS, Cindy			5 <del>- 1</del> 30.00	
5. MANAHAN, Joey	/			
6. TAKAI, K. Mark				
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane			The second secon	
7. TORIONA, James Kunanc				
8. TSUJI, Clift				
9. WAKAI, Glenn				
10. WOOLEY, Jessica				
11. WARD, Gene				-/
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TOTAL (11)	7			3
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  compittee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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