

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 170 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to recognize the sacrifices made by members of the armed services by exempting certain totally and permanently disabled veterans from paying motor vehicle registration expenses.

The Oahu Veterans Council testified in support of this measure. The State Office of Veterans Services, City and County of Honolulu, County of Hawaii, County of Maui, and County of Kauai testified in support of the intent of this measure. The Department of Transportation testified in opposition to this measure. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- Placing the exemption from motor vehicle registration fees in a more appropriate chapter of the Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Clarifying that the exemption applies only to the state motor vehicle registration fee;



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- (3) Specifying that the exemption from the state motor vehicle registration fee does not apply to:
 - (A) Vehicles used for commercial purposes; or
 - (B) More than one vehicle of the disabled veteran;
- (4) Clarifying that a veteran must be other than dishonorably discharged from the uniformed armed forces to qualify for the exemption rather than simply honorably discharged; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 170, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 170, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Transportation.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts,

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

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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) 				
VMI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAI, K. Mark (C)				
2. ITO, Ken (VC)				
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3. BROWER, Tom	Ň		<u>-</u>	
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	i			
6. OHNO, Takashi				
7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
9. TSUJI, Clift				
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10. MCDERMOTT, Bob				
TOTAL (10)	10			
The recommendation is: Adopted In Not Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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