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Honolulu, Hawaii March) , 2013 RE: H.B. No. 196 H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 196 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS TREATMENT COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support the establishment of a Veterans Treatment Court to manage the unique needs of veterans entering the criminal justice system with mental illness and substance abuse issues arising from their service to the country. Specifically, this measure authorizes the establishment of, and provides funding for:

- A permanent, full-time, Social Worker IV position in the Judiciary;
- (2) A permanent, full-time, deputy public defender position in the Office of the Public Defender; and
- (3) Two temporary, full-time, deputy prosecuting attorney positions within the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, through a grant-in-aid.

The Judiciary; The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; Military Officers Association of America, Hawaii Chapter; National Association for Uniformed Services Hawaii Chapter; and many



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concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The State Office of Veterans Services provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- Amending the appropriations by changing the amounts to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Amending its effective date to July 1, 2030, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 196, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 196, H.D. 1.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-seventh Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB196	Committee Referral: VMI, JUD, FIN		Date: 02/21/13	
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) 				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)				
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				
6. ING, Kaniela				
7. JORDAN, Jo				
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
10. MORIKAWA, Dee				
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
14. WOODSON, Justin H.				
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth				
17. WARD, Gene				
TOTAL (17)	12			
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature				
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