STAND. COM. REP. NO. 224

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1287

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1287 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MILITIA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish an employer income tax credit for taxpayers who maintain employee insurance coverage for National Guard members for the duration of the National Guard members' active duty;
- (2) Expand the powers of the Governor and Governor's designee in calling the National Guard into active duty;
- (3) Allow the Adjutant General to order the National Guard and other components of the militia into active service for nonemergency purposes that are necessary and attendant to the mission of the Department of Defense; and
- (4) Expand the rights granted to National Guard members to incorporate rights granted under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this

measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that existing law does not require employers to provide insurance coverage for employees who take leave for a purpose other than personal medical reasons. This measure reduces the burden on employers if they choose to maintain an employee's insurance coverage when that employee is ordered to active duty in the National Guard.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1287 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

WILL ESPERO, Cháir

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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
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BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)		(-
GALUTERIA, Brickwood					
GREEN, Josh					
SLOM, Sam					
					
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