

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

522

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 881

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

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

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the various
problems and needs of veterans, particularly women veterans, by
appropriating funds for the establishment of a full-time permanent
veterans coordinator position in the Office of Veterans' Services.

The Department of Defense, Office of Veterans' Services,
Advisory Board on Veterans' Services, Hawaii Military Women
Veterans Task Force Committee, and several concerned individuals
supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

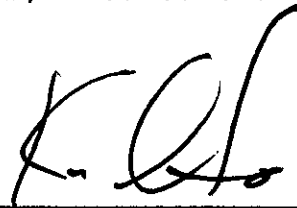
- (1) Appropriating funds for the establishment of one full-time position of veterans services counselor IV in the Office of Veterans' Services, rather than establishing and funding the position of veterans coordinator; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, style, and clarity.



Should the Committee on Finance deliberate this measure further, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider appropriating \$47,000 for each year of fiscal biennium 2015-2017 for the position of veterans services counselor IV in the Office of Veterans' Services.

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. 881, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 881, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



KEN ITO, Chair



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

Bill/Resolution No.: HB881	Committee Referral: VMI, FIN	Date: 2/17/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
VMI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ITO, Ken (C)	✓			
2. TOKIOKA, James Kunane (VC)	✓			
3. BROWER, Tom				✓
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
6. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	✓			
7. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
10. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
11. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
12. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
13. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (13)	12			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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