STAND. COM. REP. NO. 97

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 7

2017

RE: H.B. No. 418

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 418 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY BENEFITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the courts, in making a disposition of property relating to the dissolution of marriage, from indemnifying or awarding any other income or property of a veteran to the veteran's spouse or former spouse for any prejudgment or postjudgment waiver or reduction in military retirement or retainer pay related to the receipt of disability benefits awarded to the veteran for service-connected disabilities.

The Office of Veterans Services and National Association for Uniformed Services supported this measure. The Family Law Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association and a concerned individual opposed this measure.

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. 418 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

Arts,

KEN ITO, Chair

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

Bill/Resolution No.: Con	Committee Referral: VMI, JUD, FIN Date: 2/2/17			
θ 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. ITO, Ken (C)				
2. TOKIOKA, James Kunane (VC)				
2. TORTOKA, James Runane (VC)				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
4. CHOY, Isaac W.				
5. OHNO, Takashi				
J. Olivo, ramon				
6. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
7. WOODSON, Justin H.				V
8. WARD, Gene				
				
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TOTAL (8)	7			l
The recommendation is: Adopted O Not Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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