STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3120

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 2 7 2018

RE: S.C.R. No. 51

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2018 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 51 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM THE STATE OF HAWAII AS A PURPLE HEART STATE IN HONOR OF THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF OUR NATION'S UNIFORMED ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL WHO WERE WOUNDED OR KILLED WHILE PROTECTING OUR FREEDOM, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Governor to proclaim the State of Hawaii as a Purple Heart State in honor of the service and sacrifice of our nation's uniformed armed services personnel who were wounded or killed while protecting our freedom.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense; Military Order of the Purple Heart; Rainbow Chapter 483, Military Order of the Purple Heart; Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the contributions and sacrifices of the members of the military from Hawaii have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens. The Purple Heart Medal is a United States military decoration awarded in the name of the President of the United States to those military service personnel who are killed or wounded while

serving. Your Committee finds that many citizens of our community have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaging in combat with an enemy force, a singularly meritorious act of essential service. Therefore, your Committee finds that it is important to demonstrate proper admiration and appreciation for those who serve our country in the armed forces, particularly those service members who are killed or wounded while serving. Accordingly, this measure requests the Governor to proclaim Hawaii as a Purple Heart State.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 51 and recommends its adoption.

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

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

## Record of Votes Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee	Referral:		Date:	
SCR 51	PSM			3-20-2018	
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 (WF	R) Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)		/			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)					V
BAKER, Rosalyn H.		V			
IHARA, Jr., Les		V			
THIELEN, Laura H.					
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Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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