STAND. COM. REP. NO. 211

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 1 4 2019

RE: S.B. No. 577 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2019 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 577 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY ENTITLEMENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure that military personnel, when called to active duty, are paid without delay at the same rate as their active duty counterparts, are entitled to basic allowance for housing, and receive service credit toward public pension and retirement.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Defense, Department of Budget and Finance, and Employees' Retirement System.

Your Committee finds that military personnel are ordered to active duty in the State during times of disaster such as helping communities recover from tropical storms and flooding. Your Committee also finds that not all of these men and women who are called to active duty are paid in a timely manner or entitled to basic allowance for housing.



STAND. COM. REP. NO. 347 Page 2

Your Committee further finds that military personnel, when ordered to active duty in the State, should be entitled to service credit, retirement if also a state or county employee, basic allowance for housing, and pay without delay so that serving the State during times of disaster is not to their detriment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- Clarifying that when ordered to active duty in the State, military personnel may count this time toward retirement, if also a current state or county employee;
- (2) Providing officers and warrant officers of the Army or Air National Guard who are ordered to active duty in the State with the benefit of basic allowance for housing and pay without delay;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 577, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 577, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral: Date:				
SB 577	PSM,	WAM		41	19
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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)		$\overline{}$			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)					
BAKER, Rosalyn H.		V/			
HARIMOTO, Breene		\vee			
FEVELLA, Kurt					
·					
					· · · · · ·
	· · · ·				
TOTAL	•	\leq	P	φ	\emptyset
Recommendation:					
Chair's or Designee's Signature					
Distribution: Original Yellow Pink Goldenrod File with Committee Report Clerk's Office Drafting Agency Committee File Copy					

*Only <u>one</u> measure per Record of Votes