

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 998

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Government Operations and Public Safety  
and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 998 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII FIRST RESPONDERS  
MEMORIAL,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate  
funds to the Department of Accounting and General Services to hire  
a consultant to evaluate potential locations and designs for the  
Hawaii First Responders Memorial.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Accounting and General Services; Office of  
the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; United Public  
Workers AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; one member of the Honolulu City  
Council; Kauai County Fire Department; and one individual.

Your Committees find that first responders provide a vital  
service to the State and deserve to be honored for their sacrifice  
and heroism. Following the adoption of H.C.R. No. 87, H.D. 2  
(2024), the Hawaii First Responders Memorial Working Group was  
formed to plan and construct a memorial for the State's first  
responders. In November 2024, the Working Group submitted their  
first report to the Legislature detailing their findings. This  
measure appropriates funds as requested by the Working Group to  
move forward to the next stage in the planning process, which



entails contracting with a consultant to evaluate potential memorial sites.

Your Committees note that this measure contains an unspecified appropriation amount. Should your Committee on Ways and Means choose to deliberate on this measure, your Committees respectfully request that it consider inserting an appropriation amount of \$100,000 to hire a consultant to evaluate potential memorial sites. This appropriation amount is based on an estimate by the Department of Accounting and General Services for the cost of screening up to eight sites statewide and a detailed review of the top three preferred sites.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Government Operations and Public Safety and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 998 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Government  
Operations and Public Safety  
and Military Affairs,



BRANDON J.C. ELEFANTE, Chair



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



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**Committee on Government Operations**  
**GVO**

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**Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs**  
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