

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 1989
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which
was referred H.B. No. 1989 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide resources for our
veterans by:

- (1) Providing for the acceptance of gifts and other
property by the Office of Veterans' Services (OVS)
to assist OVS in its mission to serve veterans; and
- (2) Authorizing the creation of a Veterans' Gift Trust
Fund (Trust Fund) within the state treasury.

OVS supported the intent of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Establishing the Trust Fund within the state
treasury;
- (2) Restricting all expenditures from the Trust Fund for
the support of veterans, including Hawaii state
veterans' home programs;



- (3) Requiring OVS to submit financial information to the Legislature and Governor at least 20 days before the convening of each regular session, beginning with the regular session of 2009;
- (4) Requiring the director of OVS to retain for three years documents and other materials related to the Trust Fund; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

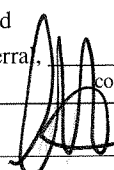
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1989, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1989, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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


CINDY EVANS, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1989	Committee Referral: PSM, FIN	Date: 02/14/08		
<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)				
PSM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. EVANS, Cindy (C)	Y			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)				Y
3. LEE, Marilyn B.				Y
4. LUKE, Sylvia				Y
5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	Y			
6. NAKASONE, Bob				Y
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	Y			
8. SONSON, Alex M.	Y			
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.				Y
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	Y			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	Y			
12. FINNEGAN, Lynn	Y			
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	Y			
TOTAL (13)				
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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