

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2056

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2489
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2489 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MILITIA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish an employer income tax credit for taxpayers who maintain employee insurance coverage for National Guard members for the duration of the call to active duty;
- (2) Expand the reasons for which the Governor or the Governor's designated representative may call the National Guard into active service;
- (3) Authorize the Adjutant General to order the National Guard or other component of the militia into active service for certain nonemergency purposes; and
- (4) Incorporate certain rights granted to the National Guard under certain federal laws into statute.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Oahu Veterans Center. Comments were received from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

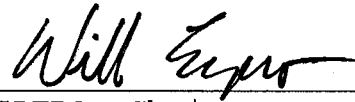


Your Committee finds that members of the National Guard who are called into active service should enjoy continued employee insurance coverage while deployed on active duty. This is particularly critical to dependents of the members of the National Guard with regard to health insurance. Your Committee further finds that the Governor and Adjutant General should have greater authority to utilize the National Guard for assistance in various circumstances, including cases of public disaster or danger from flood, fire, storm, earthquake, civil disturbances, or terrorist events.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2489, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2489, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and
Military Affairs
PGM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2489	Committee Referral: PGM, WAM	Date: 2-2-12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				/
RYAN, Pohai	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes