

Honolulu, Hawaii
April 3, 2014

RE: H.R. No. 196

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.R. No. 196 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "ATOMIC VETERANS" THE VETERANS INVOLVED IN THE CLEANUP OF THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR TEST SITE ON LOJWA ISLAND FROM 1977 TO 1980 MAKING THEM ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION AND HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist veterans who participated in radiation-risk activities during active service and were involved in the cleanup of the United States nuclear test site on Lojwa Island in the northern half of the Enewetak Atoll from 1977 to 1980, by urging the United States Congress and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to include these veterans within the definition of "Atomic Veteran", thereby making them eligible to receive compensation and health care benefits from the United States government.

The Advisory Board to the Office of Veterans' Services testified in support of this measure.


As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your

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Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 196 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Veterans,
Military, & International
Affairs, & Culture and the
Arts,



K. MARK TAKAI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 196	Committee Referral: VMI	Date: 4/2/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
VMI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAI, K. Mark (C)	✓			
2. ITO, Ken (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen	✓			
4. BROWER, Tom				✓
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
6. CHOY, Isaac W.				✓
7. OHNO, Takashi				✓
8. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. MCDERMOTT, Bob				✓
11. WOOLEY, Jessica				✓
TOTAL (11)	6			5
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;"></div>				
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