

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **691**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 1159
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 1159, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS DISABILITY BENEFITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt federal veterans disability benefits from claims of creditors and attachment, levy, and seizure to enforce a court judgment, except for certain child and spousal support cases.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Office of Veterans Services of the Department of Defense and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that disabled veterans have sacrificed in the name of duty, honor, and country. The federal benefits that a disabled veteran receives need to be protected from creditors and third parties. Implementation of this measure safeguards federal veterans' disability benefits, except for in certain child and spousal support cases.


Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B.



No. 1159, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1159, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,

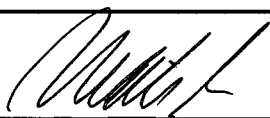


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1159 SD1	PSM, JDL	3/3/15		
<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
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	7			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes