

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 716

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 343

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 343 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt qualified totally and permanently disabled veterans from paying state motor vehicle registration fees.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Exempts qualifying veterans who are totally and permanently disabled as a result of military service from paying state motor vehicle registration fees for registrations that occur on or after September 1, 2015; and
- (2) Requires the Director of the Office of Veterans Services, in consultation with the Policy Advisory Board on Veterans Services, to annually report to the Legislature and Department of Taxation the total number of disabled veterans who qualify for the exemption from the annual motor vehicle registration fees provided by this measure.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Defense - Office of Veterans Services and three individuals. Your Committee received written




comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation and the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the sacrifices made by veterans who suffered service-related injuries that left them one hundred percent disabled should be acknowledged and that this measure would provide but a small token of the gratitude, recognition, and support that these veterans deserve.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 343 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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JILL M. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB343</b>	Committee Referral: <b>RSM/TRA, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/26/15</b>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				✓
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
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;"> </div>				
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