

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 91
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 91 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS AND THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF
LEGISLATION TO EXPEDITE FAMILY REUNIFICATION FOR CERTAIN
FILIPINO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
President of the United States and United States Congress to
support legislation to expedite family reunification for certain
Filipino veterans of World War II.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the State Office of Veterans Services; Hawaii Civil Rights
Commission; Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Hawaii;
and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that during World War II, nearly one
hundred thousand soldiers of the Philippine Commonwealth Army
fought alongside United States and Allied forces for four long
years to defend and reclaim the Philippine Islands from Japanese
aggression. In 1990, the United States Congress enacted
legislation that provided Filipino veterans with a waiver from
certain immigration and naturalization requirements in recognition
of the courage and loyalty of the Filipino veterans who fought
alongside United States Armed Forces in the Pacific during World
War II. However, the 1990 legislation did not go far enough in

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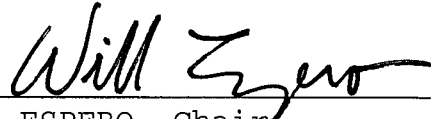


extending immigration and naturalization benefits to the children of Filipino veterans, resulting in years of long separation between the veterans and their children remaining in the Philippines awaiting the issuance of immigrant visas. Legislation advancing family reunification for certain Filipino veterans of World War II will honor the veterans' courage, sacrifice, and loyalty.

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, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 91, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 91, S.D. 1.

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



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 91	Committee Referral: PSM	Date: 4-7-15		
<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
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	3	-	-	2
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