

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 12, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1153

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 1153 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to exempt qualified disabled veterans from the annual state vehicle registration fee.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Veterans Services, the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services, and two concerned individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

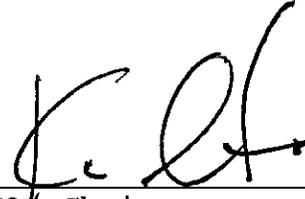
Your Committee finds that it is important to assist disabled United States veterans who have served valiantly and sacrificed to defend our country. Most permanently and totally disabled veterans are unable to work, and your Committee believes that a limited exemption from vehicle registration fees would provide financial relief to deserving disabled veterans as a small token of thanks for their dedication and service.

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 Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No.



1153 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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



KEN ITO, Chair



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

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1153	Committee Referral: VMI, TRN, FIN	Date: 2/9/15		
<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. ITO, Ken (C)	✓			
2. TOKIOKA, James Kunane (VC)	✓			
3. BROWER, Tom	✓			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.				✓
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
6. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	✓			
7. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
10. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
11. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
12. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani				✓
13. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (13)	11			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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