

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1153
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 1153 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Exempt qualifying totally and permanently disabled veterans from paying the state motor vehicle registration fee; and
- (2) Require the Director of the Office of Veterans Services, in consultation with the Policy Advisory Board on Veterans Services, to report to the Legislature and Department of Taxation the total number of disabled veterans that qualify for the exemption from the annual motor vehicle registration fees.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the State Office of Veterans Services; Veterans Advisory Board; Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Hawaii; and three individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committees find that disabled veterans deserve to be rewarded for their sacrifices in the name of duty, honor, and

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country. The exemption provided by this measure would be a small recognition of those veterans who incurred military-related injuries and are now rated as one hundred percent disabled.

Your Committees have amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Transportation that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1153, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1153, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

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