

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3659

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 2016

RE: H.C.R. No. 23

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 23 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO AMEND FEDERAL
LAW TO ALLOW FUNDS FOR THE BURIAL OF QUALIFIED FILIPINO-
AMERICAN VETERANS IN NATIONAL AND STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES
TO COVER THE COSTS OF TRANSPORTING THE REMAINS OF FILIPINO-
AMERICAN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II TO THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR
FUNERAL AND BURIAL SERVICES IN THE PHILIPPINES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the United
States Congress to amend federal law to allow funds for the burial
of qualified Filipino-American veterans in national and state
veterans cemeteries to cover the cost of transporting the remains
of Filipino-American veterans of World War II to the Philippines
and for funeral and burial services in the Philippines.

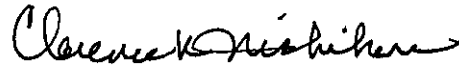
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Veterans' Services and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that almost 100,000 soldiers of the
Philippine Commonwealth Army fought alongside United States and
Allied forces in World War II. The United States promised these
Filipino soldiers pay and benefits for their military service
under the United States Armed Forces. Your Committee further
finds that, among other benefits, these veterans have earned the
right to be buried in a national or state veterans cemetery.



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 H.C.R. No. 23, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, 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.:* HCR23	Committee Referral: PSM, WAM	Date: 4/14/16		
<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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	4			/
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Will Espero</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes