

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2190

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 18 2019

RE: H.C.R. No. 43

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 43 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING HAWAI'I'S CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION AND THE GOVERNOR TO COLLABORATE WITH THE
LEGISLATURE TO ENSURE EXPEDITED BURIALS FOR VETERANS,
DECEASED ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED
FORCES, AND THEIR SPOUSES AT VETERANS CEMETERIES THROUGHOUT
THE STATE OF HAWAI'I,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request Hawai'i's
congressional delegation and the Governor to collaborate with the
Legislature to ensure expedited burials for veterans, deceased
active duty members of the United States Armed Forces, and their
spouses at veterans' cemeteries throughout the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the O'ahu County Democrats Legislative Priorities Committee
and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this
measure from the Office of Veterans' Services.


Your Committee finds that all United States veterans and
their spouses have earned the privilege to be buried in a
veterans' cemetery, and all decedents deserve the highest
standards for burials. Furthermore, just as the proper burial of
a deceased Native Hawaiian is an important sacred practice, rite,
and right, your Committee finds that burials of all deceased



veterans, active duty members, and their spouses are important and that collaboration is necessary to ensure proper burials without administrative delay.

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. 43, and recommends its adoption.

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



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



