

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

824

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 805
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 805, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS DISABILITY BENEFITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to exempt federal veterans service connected disability benefits from attachment, seizure, or award to enforce a court judgment except for the portion of the benefits that is not considered disability benefits, which shall remain subject to enforcement for child or spousal support, pursuant to federal law.

Two concerned individuals provided testimony opposing this measure. The Office of Veterans Services; National Association for Uniformed Services Hawaii Chapter; and a concerned individual provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended the measure by:


- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2030, to allow for further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

HB805 HD2 HSCR FIN HMS 2015-2175



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 805, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 805, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 805, HD1	Committee Referral: VMI, FIN	Date: 2/25/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.	/			
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	/			
5. DECOITE, Lynn	/			
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
7. JORDAN, Jo	/			
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	/			
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	/			
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.	/			
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
12. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
14. POUHA, Feki	/			
15. WARD, Gene		/		
TOTAL (15)	14	1		
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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