



Comparison Grid: Filipino WWII Veterans Equity Authorizing Legislative Proposals

Bill Number and Name	Introduced by	Overall Budget Impact	Provisions for Filipino WWII Veterans	Other Provisions	Notes
HR 760- The Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 2007	HVAC Chair Filner (D-CA) Introduced 1/31/07 Marked up on 7/17/2007	\$9 billion over 10 years (as marked up out of committee)	Amends current law to restore U.S. veteran status for eligible Filipinos who served under U.S. command.	Limited provisions for spouses and widows. Limited provisions for ALL veterans.	Voted out of House Veterans Affairs Committee (HVAC) 7/17/2007.
S 3688 Senate version of HR 6897- The Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 2008	Sen. Inouye (D-HI) Introduced 11/17/2008	Approximately \$198 million	One lump-sum payment for U.S.-based Filipino veterans in the amount of \$15,000.00. One lump-sum payment for veterans in the Philippines in the amount of \$9,000.00.	Maintains eligibility for SSI for Philippine-based veterans. Contains provision for spouses.	Contains provision for recognition of service for Filipino WWII veterans for purposes of the legislation.
S. 57- The Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 2007	Sen. Inouye (D-HI) Introduced 1/4/2007	Not budgeted	Amends current law to restore U.S. veteran status for eligible Filipinos who served under U.S. command.		Modified and marked up as part of S. 1315.
S 1315- The Veterans Benefits Enhancement Act	Sen. Akaka (D-HI) Marked up on June 27, 2007.	\$9 billion over 10 years	U.S.-based Filipino veterans to be treated as U.S. veterans. Philippine-based Filipino veterans to receive a flat rate pension of \$300.00/ month.	Limited provisions for spouses and widows. Range of other provisions for ALL veterans (\$220 million for Filipino veterans provisions, balance for other provisions).	Passed in the Senate (96-1). House version passed (393-27) but WITHOUT Filipino WWII veterans provisions. Preferred bill for community advocates and veterans.

* The House Continuing Resolution contains an appropriation in the amount of \$198 million for the creation of a “Filipino WWII Veterans Compensation Fund” which is now awaiting authorizing language.