

LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony for the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Mon 28Jan08 1:15p

Good afternoon Chairwoman Lorraine Inouye and fellow distinguished members of the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

I am Master Sergeant Maui Quizon, 154th Wing First Sergeant, Hawaii Air National Guard. I am also the Legislative Chairman for the Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association. On behalf of the HNGEA and it's members, moreover on behalf of the over 5,000 men and women of the Hawaii Army and Air Guard, we respectfully request your support in favor of the following legislative bill proposals:

SB 2746

RELATING TO DISABLED VETERANS. Establishes a disabled veterans license plate.

SB 2447

RELATING TO THE NATIONAL GUARD. Increases uniform maintenance allowance from \$1.50 to \$10 per day, not to exceed \$150 per year.

SB 2448

RELATING TO THE ARMED SERVICES. Provides an exemption of vehicle taxes and registration fees for members of the National Guard and Reserves.

SB 3241

RELATING TO CONSUMER CREDIT. Requires financial institutions and creditors that extend consumer credit to the members of the armed forces or reserves on active duty and their dependents, to conform their lending practices to the federal John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, as amended, relating to the terms of consumer credit extended to the military and their dependents, including maximum annual percentage rates and required disclosures.

SB 2440

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MAUI OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES. Appropriates funds for personnel, furniture and equipment, and renovations and addition of employee lunch room for Maui office of veterans' services.

SB 2213

RELATING TO VETERANS. Changes the composition, terms, and the duties of the advisory board on veterans' services.

SB 2812

RELATING TO ARMED SERVICES. Creates Hawaii military family relief trust program and trust fund to pay cash benefits to certain members of the armed forces who have served in active service.

SB 2901

RELATING TO VETERANS CEMETERIES. Clarifies the legislature's intended statewide use of funding allotted in the state budget for the repair and improvement of veterans cemeteries by allocating the distribution of funds by country.

SB 2186

RELATING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF VETERANS CEMETERIES IN THE COUNTY OF HAWAII. Appropriates funds for the maintenance of veterans cemeteries in the county of Hawaii.

SB 3160

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY. Makes appropriation in the amount of \$1 for each veteran living in Hawaii to the national museum of the United States Army.

SB 2015

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PACIFIC AVIATION MUSEUM PEARL HARBOR. Appropriates \$1,000,000 for the planning, design, and construction of phase 2 of the Pacific Aviation Museum at Pearl Harbor.

Today more than ever, the men and women of the armed forces are committed to the national security and defense of this great State and Nation. We continue to deploy in support of the global war on terror, provide critical support for Homeland Security, while at the same time remain ready and capable to provide the personnel and resources home here in times of natural disasters.

Thank you for all of your legislative support in the past (we value the many benefits the State of Hawaii has provided to us, from State college tuition assistance to State income tax exemption), and we look forward to your continued support in considering these proposals.

Again, on behalf of the HNGEA and your men and women of the Hawaii Army and Air Guard (and their families), mahalo nui loa.

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