

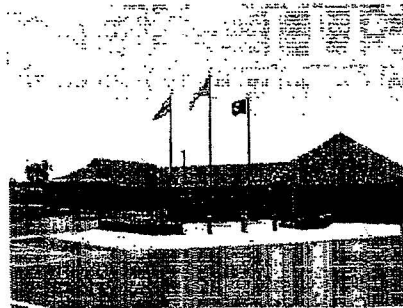
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Oahu Veterans Council Member Calvin Griffin will be present at hearing to provide additional testimony.

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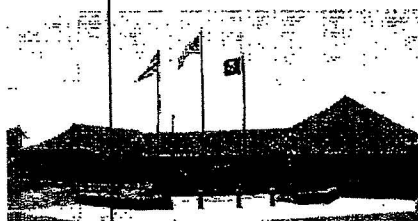
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Aloha Chair Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee. My name is Fred Ballard, President Oahu Veterans Council. The Oahu Veterans Council is comprised of over 35 Oahu veteran organizations that in turn represent over 80,000 veterans and their families. The Council voted unanimously at its meeting last Saturday, January 23rd to communicate our complete support of House Bill 1900.

The Council feels that it is extremely important that the State of Hawaii recognize the designations of prisoner of war and missing in action as valid descriptions of casualty status and classification. Doing so will certainly assist those left behind.

The Oahu Veterans Council strongly supports the passage of House Bill 1900.

Mahalo for allowing us the opportunity to testify in support of this very important bill.

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