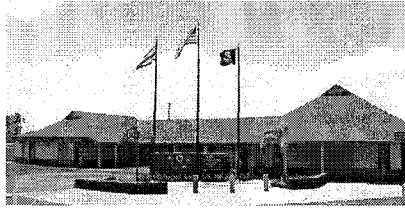


# HB 1900

**Measure Title:**  
RELATING TO MILITARY PERSONNEL.

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## TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HOUSE BILL 1900 RELATING TO MILITARY PERSONNEL PRISONER OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION CASUALTY STATUS BILL

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

HEARING TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010, 1:20 PM, ROOM 229

Aloha Senators Will Espero, Chair, Robert Bunda, 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 a previous meeting 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 attempting to deal with the loss of a loved one.

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.

*Fred W. Ballard*

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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

Tuesday, March 3, 2010

1:20 PM

Conference Room 229

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 1900, RELATING TO MILITARY PERSONNEL

Chair Esperoo, Vice Chair Bunda, and members of the committee.

My name is Charles Ota and I am the Vice President for Military Affairs at The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii (The Chamber). I am here to state The Chamber's support of House Bill 1900, Relating To Military Personnel.

The Chamber's Military Affairs Council (MAC) serves as the liaison for the state in matters relating to the US military and its civilian workforce and families, and has provided oversight for the state's multi-billion dollar defense industry since 1985.

The measure proposes to recognize the designations of prisoner of war (POW) and missing in action (MIA) as valid descriptions of casualty status and category classifications for military personnel.

This measure proposes to use official designations and classifications established by the US government to enable processing of POW/MIA personnel actions in a timely manner. We suggest that the measure be amended to indicate the paragraph within HRS that is to be amended so it is clear as to the reason for adopting this measure.

We respectfully request that the proposed measure be approved for further review and adoption.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

ORIGINAL MESSAGE—

FROM: R. KAWEHI KANUI [MAILTO:KAWEHI11@YAHOO.COM]

SENT: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 03, 2010 1:26 PM

TO: PSM TESTIMONY

SUBJECT: SR 36 AND HB1900 HSCR 120-10

ALOHA,

WAS NOT ABLE TO GET TO THE SITE TO SEND THIS E-MAIL TESTIMONY. DON'T KNOW WHY. SO THE NEXT BEST THING WAS TO SEND IT E-MAIL. PLEASE FIND SUPPORT FOR BOTH ISSUES.

FOR THE RECORD WE SUPPORT RESOLUTION (SR 36) AND BILL (HB 1900 HSCR 120-10) BECAUSE IT IS ONLY RIGHT AND PONO TO DO THIS.

MAHALO,  
RITA K. KANUI-GILL