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**THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF HAWAII**

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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

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Conference Room 016

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 1944, SD1, RELATING TO HEALTH CLUBS

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine, and members of the committees.

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 1944, Relating To Health Clubs.

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 allow military personnel deployed outside Hawaii on federal active duty to cancel or suspend health club membership at any time during the contract term under certain conditions.

We believe that this measure would resolve conflicts when active duty military personnel are placed on orders to deploy outside Hawaii. This measure will clarify the conditions under which health clubs should honor federal deployment orders issued to active duty military members.

We concur with the amendments made on this measure by the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.

We respectfully request that the proposed measure be approved as amended.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.