

LATE TESTIMONY

STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES
TESTIMONY ON H.B. No. 1945, RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS, & MILITARY
AFFAIRS

JANUARY 26, 2010

Good morning Chair Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice-Chair Isaac W. Choy, and members of the House Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs.

I am Mark Moses, Director of the Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I appreciate this opportunity to strongly support H.B. 1945. This measure requires veterans who submit application for special member plates to provide proof of honorable discharge from the military.

Veteran license plates identify individuals who have served this country. The veteran community and the general public believe that individuals who fail to meet certain standards of behavior and who received a less than honorable discharge should not be recognized as a veteran. The law as currently written allows those with less than an honorable discharge to receive a veteran's license plate. This measure corrects that oversight.

The OVS supports this measure as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Biennium Budget for Fiscal Years 2009-2010.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak on behalf of Hawaii's veteran community.

I will respond to questions from the committee.