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**TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 225, AND
HOUSE RESOLUTION 154 REQUESTING THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE TO REVISE THE PRIORITIES FOR ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE
AT MILITARY HEALTH FACILITIES TO GIVE MEMBERS OF THE NA-
TIONAL GUARD WHO ARE INJURED IN ANY DUTY STATUS THE SAME
PRIORITY AS ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MEMBERS**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS &
MILITARY AFFAIRS**

HEARING TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010, 8:30 AM, ROOM 312

Aloha Representatives Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair, Isaac W. Choy, 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 fully supports the intent and passage of HCR 225 and HR 154.

Since the start of the War on Terror seven years ago until present, our nation's National Guard including Hawaii's own, have been involved. They have been an integral part of the war, doing more than their share to protect our country and state. As a result many have paid a price, some with their lives, others with wounds and injuries that bear a heavy price in medical care. It is only fair that if they are injured in the line duty, they receive the same treatment as active duty at our medical treatment facilities.

The Oahu Veterans Council strongly supports the passage of House Concurrent Resolution 225, and House Resolution 154.

Mahalo for allowing us the opportunity to testify in support of these very important Resolutions.

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