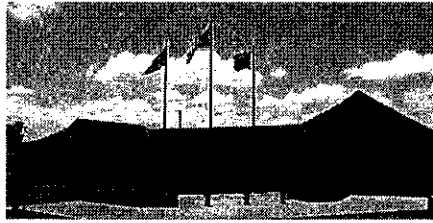


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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF SENATE BILL 2335 SD2 RELATING TO MILITARY AND OVERSEAS CIVILIAN ABSENTEE VOTERS

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS

HEARING TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010, 8:00 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 believes that uniformed service personnel and oversees absentee voters such as family members, should be afforded every opportunity to vote by absentee ballot, and should not have to navigate unnecessary road blocks that are often placed in their way because of their deployments or overseas orders.

The council apologizes for the late submission of this testimony.

The Oahu Veterans Council strongly supports the passage of Senate Bill 2335, SD2.

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

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