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LATE TESTIMONY

March 15, 2011

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 49 AND SENATE
BILL 885**

RELATING TO ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEMBERS

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**HEARING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH, AT 2:45PM, IN
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

Aloha Chair Espero: The Oahu Veterans Council's member organization's identified in the left margin represent the interests of over 80,000 veterans and their families. On Thursday, January 27th, our legislative committee voted to testify, in support of House Bill 49 and Senate Bill 885, as follows:

We firmly believe Hawaii State law should be amended to recognize the federally prescribed DD Form 93, or its successor form, as an acceptable method of determining the person authorized to direct disposition of an armed forces service member's remains. Oahu Veterans Council delegates performed creditable military service under the flag of the United States of America and the State of Hawaii. We honor our Nation, State and Families under these flags, and firmly believe the subject form will not undermine this official tradition in any way.

We thoughtfully and respectfully encourage your committee to remind those who ignore this noble effort to assist the service member's survivors in their time of grief of the limitations that can be placed on their sentiments by the US Constitution, in recommending approval of HB49 and SB 885 as currently written.

Mahalo for allowing us to testify in support of this very important Bill.

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