

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1502
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS
TRAINING CORPS

PRESENTATION TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG
INTERIM ADJUTANT GENERAL
February 10, 2011

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, Interim State Adjutant General. I am testifying on House Bill 1502.

We support House Bill 1502. Passage of this measure would allow the Department of Education to expand the Junior Reserve Officers Training program to allow high school students the opportunity to experience military leadership training.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony.

THE OAHU VETERANS COUNCIL

OAHU VETERANS COUNCIL

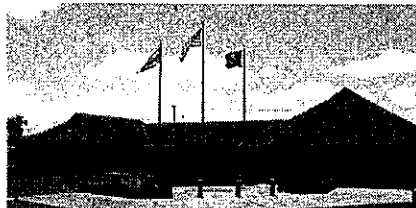
President - Fred Ballard
1st V.P. - Cecil Meadows
2nd V.P. - Jim Santos
Secretary - John Harms
Treasurer - Eugenia Woodward
Chaplain - Frank Lamson

OAHU VETERANS CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sandy Ballard

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

5th Regimental Combat Team -
45th Infantry Division Association.
Air Force Assn. - Chapter 138
Air Force Sergeants Association
American Legion Aux. - Dept. of HI
American Legion - Dept. of HI
American Legion - Post 32
American Veterans Empowerment & Support -
Community Operations
BPOE VAWS - Hawaii Dist.
China-Burma-India Veterans Association.
Chosin Few - Aloha Chapter
Combat Infantrymen's Association.
Combat Veterans Motorcycle Club
Disabled American Veterans - Chapter 3
Fleet Reserve Association - Branch
and Unit 46
Hawaii Multiple Schools Unit - Jr. ROTC
Korean War Veterans Assn - Chapter 1
Military Officers Assn. of America -
Aloha Chapter
Military Officers Assn. of America -
Hawaii State Chapter
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Military Order of World Wars
National Association. for Atomic Veterans
National Association. of Uniformed Services
National Sojourners - Hawaiian # 9
National Sojourners - Honolulu # 11
National Sojourners - Kamehameha #439
Pearl Harbor Survivors Association
Radiated Veterans
Samoan Providers
Society of Military Widows - Aloha Chapter
Sons & Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors
Special Forces Association. - Chapter VIII
State Office of Veterans Services
Veterans of Foreign Wars - Dept. of Hawaii
Veterans of Foreign Wars - Post 970
Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter 858
Waves National - Unit 131
Women Veterans of America #26



"a gathering place for veterans"
OAHU VETERANS CENTER

January 27, 2011

TESTIMONY REGARDING HOUSE BILL 1502 RELATING TO THE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

HEARING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, AT 9AM, IN CONFERENCE ROOM 309

Aloha Chair Aquino: 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 1502, as follows:

We firmly believe appropriating funds for 6 instructor positions for JROTC programs in high schools in the State is a sound investment opportunity we should not ignore. 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 and State under these flags, and firmly believe our JROTC tradition should never be diminished in any way.

We thoughtfully and respectfully encourage your committee to remind those who willfully undermine this traditional display of patriotism and love of Country and State, of the limitations placed on their sentiments by the US Constitution, in recommending approval of HB1502 as written.

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

Fred Ballard

Fred Ballard; President



1298 Kukila Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

Email: sballard@oahuveteranscenter.com; Phone: 808-422-4000; Fax: 808-422-4001

www.oahuveteranscenter.com