

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1974 HD1, RELATING TO VETERANS
PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

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Chair Oshiro and Committee members:

I am Ron Han, Director of the Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony in support of the concepts in House Bill 1974 HD1 with one additional amendment:

Recommend insert to line 2 on page 3 of HB 1974 HD1 to read:

(5) The determination of eligibility for burial within any state veterans cemetery will be in accordance with current Veterans Affairs and National Cemeteries Administration Regulations.

This measure ensures Hawaii's eligibility requirements for the burial of members of the United States Armed Forces and their dependents to the criteria established by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs regarding eligibility for burial in a national or state cemetery.

The OVS supports the concepts and intent of this bill as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Years 2012-2013.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Veterans and their families in support of HB 1974 HD1.



February 22, 2012

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RELATING TO VETERANS**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**HEARING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, AT 10:00 AM, IN
CONFERENCE ROOM 308**

Aloha Chair Oshiro: The Oahu Veterans Council' delegates, are deeply honored to represent the interests of our veterans and their families. Our Legislative Committee voted unanimously to support House Bill 1974(HD1).

We sincerely appreciate your efforts to remove residency requirements for the burial of members of the armed services and their dependants in our veterans' cemeteries.

The Oahu Veterans Council respectfully urges your committee to consider passing House Bill 1974 as written; mahalo, for allowing us to testify, regarding this extremely important issue.

Dennis Egge

Dennis Egge; Chairman, Legislative Committee



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