

HB 1974, HD2

RELATING TO VETERANS

Removes the residency requirements for the burial of members of the armed services and their dependents in veterans cemeteries. Establishes criteria consistent with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs eligibility requirements for burial in a national cemetery. Repealed June 30, 2015.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1974 HD 2 (HSCR925-12), RELATING TO
VETERANS

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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MARCH 13, 2012

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, 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 HD 2 (HSCR925-12).

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 HD2 (HSCR925-12).



March 11, 2012

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1974HD2
RELATING TO VETERANS**

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

**HEARING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH, AT 2:50 PM, IN CONFERENCE
ROOM 224**

Aloha Chair Espero: The Oahu Veterans Council' delegates, are honored to represent the interests of our veterans and their families. Our Legislative Committee voted unanimously to support House Bill 1974 HD2.

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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