

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2353, RELATING TO VETERANS
CEMETERIES

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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Chair Aquino and Committee members:

I am Ron Han, Director of the Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I appreciate this opportunity to support the intent of HB 2353 which requires that the general obligation fund appropriation for land acquisition for expansion of burial space for the veterans cemetery in Makawao, Maui, also be used for planning, design, and construction of the burial space.

The OVS supports this measure as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Biennium Budget for Fiscal Years 2012-2013.

Currently, \$5.3 million has been approved and appropriated for the Makawao Veterans Cemetery. The intent and recommended change in the scope and worked to be performed, as recommended by HB 2353, will ensure that all necessary actions are completed for this expansion project.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Veterans and their families in support of HB 2353.



February 7, 2012

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
HEARING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, AT 9:00AM, IN CONFERENCE
ROOM 309**

Aloha Chair Aquino: 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 2353.

We sincerely appreciate your efforts to require that the general obligation fund appropriation for land acquisition for expansion of burial space for the veterans cemetery in Makawao, Maui, also be used for planning, design, and construction of the burial space. Appropriates funds. Effective July 1, 2012.

The Oahu Veterans Council respectfully urges your committee to consider passing House Bill 2353 as written; mahalo, for allowing us to testify, regarding this extremely important issue.

Dennis Egge

Dennis Egge; Chairman, Legislative Committee



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