

SCR 106

REQUESTING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF H.R. 2148, 112TH CONGRESS,
FIRST SESSION TO EXTEND MILITARY COMMISSARY
AND EXCHANGE STORE PRIVILEGES TO VETERANS
WITH A COMPENSABLE SERVICE-CONNECTED
DISABILITY AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.

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Comments:

My named is Michael Sumja and I am the past president of the Kohala Seniors Citizens Club on the Big Island of Hawaii and past Chair of PABEA.

I am writing in support of this resolution in behalf of all disabled veterans who do not have commissary privileges simply because they did not retire from the armed forces with twenty years of service. I personally have a very close personal friend in Kohala who was shot in Korea, but is not permitted exchange privileges and yet we have a city councilman (a very fine and dedicated person), who retired from the armed forces who never saw combat and is given these privileges. This is totally unfair to our servicemen and women who are classified with a disability but are denied this basic privilege .

Research has shown that many many disabled vets with little or no income would benefit greatly if this benefit could be granted. Please help right this wrong and vote in favor of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Sumja

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Comments:

Please right this dreadful wrong. Our disabled Veterans serve as a lingering symbol of why we as a nation remain free to make intelligent choices.

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Comments:

My name is Anthony Lenzer. I am writing to urge your Committee to give your strong support to SCR 106. This Concurrent Resolution requests members of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation to support legislation currently under consideration in the House of Representatives to allow veterans with less than 100% service-connected disabilities commissary privileges at various military bases throughout the nation and the world. At present, only those veterans with a 100% service-connected disability can use these facilities. Commissary privileges are a valuable resource for our veterans, many of whom are subsisting on low incomes. It seems inherently unfair to allow some veterans access to this resource, while denying access to others with a slightly lower disability score. All have served their country honorably, and have suffered injury as a result of their service. This Resolution recognizes this fact, and seeks to correct an injustice. Please give it your full support.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.