

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1079, RELATING TO MILITARY
FUNERAL HONORS FOR HAWAII GOVERNORS

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
& CULTURE AND THE ARTS

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Good morning Chair Takai, Vice-Chair Ito, and Committee members:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 1079, authorizing military honors for Hawaii governors.

This bill provides appropriate funeral tribute to deceased governors of the State of Hawaii. In the absence of federal or National Guard military members to perform funeral honors; funeral honors can be provided by veteran organizations. The state adjutant general will be given the responsibility of providing a stipend to the veteran's organization volunteers to render military honors.

As commander-in-chief of the State of Hawaii's militia, the governor should be granted an honor guard detail for burial on behalf of a grateful citizenry and in recognition as the "Head of State".

We defer to the State Adjutant General of the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense who has direct responsibility for program implementation.

The OVS supports the intent expressed in this measure as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Years 2013-2015

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Veterans and their families in support of HB 1079.



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ROOM 312**

Aloha Chair Takai: The Oahu Veterans Council is honored to serve at the pleasure of our veterans and their families. On February 2nd , our committee reviewed and voted unanimously to support House Bill 1079.

We are extremely grateful for your efforts to authorize military funeral honors for Hawaii' Governors

Authorizing this honor is certainly appreciated by our State Department of Defense' Commander in Chief. He serves selflessly and asks for no more recognition than we would expect for ourselves.

The Oahu Veterans Council respectfully urges your committee to consider passing House Bill 1079 with the suggested comment included. Mahalo, for allowing us to testify, regarding this extremely important issue.

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