

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES

Hawaii Chapter (HI-1)

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1282HD1, RELATING TO MILITARY
SERVICE**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**HEARING AT 2:55PM, ON THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2013, IN CONFERENCE
ROOM 224**

Aloha Chair Epero and Vice Chair Baker: Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1282HD1. The National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) is honored to be recognized as "The Service Member's Voice in Government." Here, in the great State of Hawaii, NAUS Hawaii Chapter (HI-1) serves at the pleasure of our nation's largest per-capita uniformed service community.

NAUS Hawaii Chapter (HI-1) is grateful for your efforts to expand the scope of eligibility requirements for the Hawaii Medal of Honor to include members of the Hawaii national guard, United States military reserves, and regular United States armed forces, serving in a combat zone as designated by presidential order in direct support of military operations if that service is designated as such by the United States Department of Defense; or Performing duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger if that duty qualifies the individual for special military pay as determined by the United States Department of Defense.

Amending Section 22-1 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide this recognition in State Law, is sincerely appreciated by the deceased warrior's surviving family members and loved-ones.

NAUS Hawaii Chapter (HI-1) encourages your committee to consider passing HB 1282HD1 as written.

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