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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2013

Thursday, March 14, 2013  
2:55 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1381, H.D. 2, RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL  
AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING.**

TO THE HONORABLE WILL ESPERO, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Doss Tannehill, Chairperson of the Dispensing Opticians Advisory Committee ("Committee"). Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill No. 1381, H.D. 2, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing. The Committee offers the following comments.

House Bill No. 1381, H.D. 2, limits licensure by endorsement or reciprocity for nonresident military spouses to those spouses who are present in the State for at least one year pursuant to DOD orders and limits consideration of military service or training

for licensure by endorsement or reciprocity to veterans honorably discharged within two years of application. This bill excludes medical doctors, dentists, CPAs, and other licensees for which specified endorsement or reciprocity regulations exist.

It is unclear whether this bill would require the Program to license military service members via endorsement or reciprocity. The Committee believes that all applicants should meet the requirement for licensure as set forth in the Dispensing Opticians laws and rules because these licensing standards were established to protect the public. The Program currently considers experience earned under the supervision of a licensed dispensing optician, optometrist or ophthalmologist regardless if this experience was obtained while the applicant was a military service member.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1381, H.D. 2.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES  
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March 13, 2013

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1381HD2, RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL  
AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING**

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

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

Aloha Chair Espero and Vice Chair Baker: Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1381HD2. 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 your efforts to require our licensing authority to consider in the process for licensure by endorsement or reciprocity nonresident military spouses of service members who are performing creditable service in Hawaii pursuant to permanent change of station orders.

Amending Chapter 436B-14.7 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide this preference, is sincerely appreciated by the designated beneficiaies who are the spouses of a military member who is a member in good standing in the active or a reserve component of any of the armed forces of the United States and has orders issued by the United States Department of 8 Defense to be stationed in Hawaii for a duration of at least one year.

NAUS Hawaii Chapter (HI-1) encourages your committee to consider passing HB 1381HD2 as written.

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Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

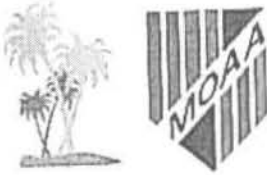
State Senator Will Espero, Chair  
State Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Thursday, March 14, 2013, 2:55 p.m. Room 224  
House Bill 1381 HD 2 Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing

Honorable Chair Will Espero, Vice Chair Rosalyn H. Baker and  
members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

My name is Russel Yamashita and I am the legislative representative for the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA) and its 960 member dentists. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on of House Bill 1381 HD 2 Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing. The bill before you today would seek to provide for the licensure by credential and reciprocity for all licenses issued by the State of Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Professional and Vocational Licensing Division with the exception for “medical doctors, dentists, certified public accountants, or by a licensing authority that is subject to specific provisions regulating licensure by endorsement or licensure by reciprocity pursuant to another chapter”.

In its current form, the HDA does not have any objection to this bill. However, since this bill and one similar to it have been introduced this session, the HDA believes that this issue needs to be deferred so all the parties affected by this legislation have an opportunity to meet and discuss these issues at length during the interim. With over 125,000 licensees affected by this legislation, I would hope that any drastic changes affecting their licensure should be fully explained to them before the Legislature makes significant changes to the law affecting their licensure. Therefore, the HDA request that this bill be held and that all parties meet during the summer on this very important issue.



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**Testimony of**

**Thomas Smyth**

**Military Officers Association of America, Hawaii Chapter**

**Before the**

**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**

**Thursday, March 14, 2013, 2:55 pm, Room 224**

**HB 1381 HD2 Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing**

**Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Committee Members**

This written testimony is submitted following oral testimony to the committee on March 14. Our chapter of 500 retired and currently serving officers of the Uniformed Services strongly supports HB 1381 HD 2, as amended, which clarifies definitions in the legislation passed last session.

Our comments concern a relatively non-substantive amendment regarding the definition of "eligible military spouse" on p. 3, lines4-9.

As written the bill indicates that a spouse is eligible if the spouse of a military member who has received "orders issued by the United States Department of Defense..."

This definition leaves out spouses of members of the U.S. Coast Guard who are not part of the Department of Defense, but are part of the Department of Homeland Security. We do not believe this was the intent of the bill as drafted. Further, the individual military services, not the U.S DOD write these orders.

We believe more inclusive wording such as "...orders issued by the appropriate agencies of the Armed Forces..." would correct this problem.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.