

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BIL 1907, HSCR 13-14
RELATING TO HUNTING LICENSES

PRESENTATION TO THE

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

BY

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February 5, 2014

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 the concepts in House Bill 1907, HSCR 13-14 along with some recommendations.

Thank you for introducing this measure to allow disabled Veterans who were honorably discharged and State residents, and those who received wounds in combat earning the Award of the Purple Heart Medal, to pay only \$3 for a hunting license.

Here are some recommendations: That the bill be further modified for all those who are qualified disabled Veterans with a service connected disability defined by the Veterans Administration of 0% or higher or a percentage rate deemed appropriate by the Committee. Veterans with a disability rating of 0 % (i.e. hearing loss) are still officially rated, but receive no compensation at this level.

Giving back to those who have served valiantly in uniform in support and in sacrifice to our country is truly a great privilege. The freedoms we enjoy today have been paved by their dedicated and honored service.

We defer to the agency with direct responsibility for implementation.

The OVS supports the concepts and intent expressed in this measure as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2015.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Veterans and their families in support of HB 1907, HSCR 13-14.

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Edward Abbot	Individual	Support	No

Comments: While not personally affected by this bill, any formal recognition and thanks to our wounded Warriors should take priority. Their sacrifices should be remembered and honored. Thank you, Edward Abbot

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Max Cooper	Hawaii Rifle Association	Support	No

Comments: HRA supports our veterans.

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Dominic Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. Our veterans have served and given selflessly to allow us the freedom's we as citizen's enjoy today. I feel its the least we can do to show them the gratitude they. Aloha

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Mark Dietrich	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Joel dela Cruz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'd like this to be amended to include all veterans.

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