



The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Testimony to the House Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

Representative K. Mark Takai, Chair
Representative Ken Ito, Vice Chair

Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 8:30 am
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

by
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Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 308, Relating to Treatment Court for Veterans and Active Duty Service Members.

Purpose: Establishes the Temporary Hawaii Veterans and Active Duty Military Treatment Court within the First Judicial Circuit Court. Appropriates funds.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports the intent of House Bill 308 as its intent is to better service military personnel that come in contact with the criminal justice system as well as enhance the effectiveness of the criminal justice system. However, the Judiciary respectfully recommends that House Bill 196, Relating to Veterans Treatment Courts (submitted as part of the Judiciary's legislative package) be the primary vehicle by which to move this initiative forward. House Bill 196 reflects the current status and needs of the Veterans Treatment Court, which has been established in coordination with our stakeholders and is operating within the First Circuit Court.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 308.

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paul laub	Maui County Veterans Council	Support	No

Comments: The Maui County Veterans Council would like to request that you support all of the current Veterans Legislation AND The Veterans of Maui County have one VERY important priority which is to unite the State Office of Veterans Services, The Veterans Administration, the Community Based Outreach Clinic, and a proposed long term care facilitat a proposed facility to be built at the 'New' Maui High School. To have this happen we need the Department of Education to transfer 4.5 acres of the school to the Hawaii Department of Defense. Please, we need your help and support to make this happen. This concept was put forth by the previous Principal of the school as it would greatly aid our youth going into the medical assistance field. It is hoped that young people would be trained in the field and be able to intern here prior to graduation and then find ready made jobs upon their graduation. The Veterans needs are great. It is very hard to attempt to meet the needs of the aging Veterans with so many separate leased facilities. Please help make this a reality. It can't be done without you! Our Koa Kahiko Kupuna Thank You and our keiki thank you. Mahalo nui loa, Paul Laub
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