

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE RESOLUTION 47  
& HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 68  
URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES  
CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL  
OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY FOR  
VETERANS CONTINGENT UPON THE RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS

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

BY  
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March 12, 2014

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito, and Members of the House Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts:

I am Maj Gen Darryll D. M. Wong, State Adjutant General. I am testifying in SUPPORT of HR47 and HCR 68.

Hawaii continues to have an acute shortage of long-term care beds. This shortage impacts many of our growing number of veterans in our state. The benefits of providing additional long-term care facilities for veterans also extend to the community at large by reducing the overall shortage of long-term care beds.

To finance this new facility, the State will issue general obligations bonds to fund the State's share of the construction costs. The United States Congress must provide the matching Federal funds to make this new long-term care facility a reality.

This new facility will mirror the success of the Okutsu facility built in 2004. It will be a step toward reducing the significant shortage of long-term care beds and services available to qualified veterans.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in SUPPORT of HR47 and HCR 68.

**Testimony to the House Committee on Veterans, Military and  
International Affairs, and Culture and the Arts  
Wednesday, March 12, 2014  
8:30 AM  
Conference Room 312**

**RE: HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 47, URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT  
THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION  
BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY  
FOR VETERANS CONTINGENT UPON THE RECEIPT OF FEDERAL  
FUNDS.**

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito, and members of the committee.

My name is Charles Ota and I am the Vice President for Military Affairs at The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii (The Chamber). I am here to state The Chamber's *support* of House Resolution No. 47, Urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to Support the Authorization of General Obligation Bonds for the Construction of A Long-Term Care Facility For Veterans Upon Receipt of Federal Funds.

In light of our support of HB 2074, Relating To Veterans, we recommend approval of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**Roxanne Kamalu**

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Dennis Egge	NAUS Hawaii Chapter	Support	No

Comments: NAUS Hawaii Chapter members have long advocated for a second veterans long term care facility in Honolulu County where statistically speaking three out of four of us reside. The success of our first such facility in Hawaii County, speaks to this urgent need for federal funding At your service, Dennis Egge; chapter President

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Date: March 11, 2014

To: The Honorable K. Mark Takai, Chair  
The Honorable Ken Ito, Vice Chair  
Committee on Veterans, Military, and International Affairs, and Culture and the Arts

From: Mike Golojuch, Lt Col, USAF (Ret), Chair, Advisory Board on Veterans' Services

Subject: Support for HR47/HCR68

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As the Chair, Advisory Board to the Office of Veterans' Services representing over 170,000 Hawaii veterans, we strongly support the House Resolution to urge the President of the United States and the United States Congress to support the authorization of the issuance of general obligation bonds for the construction of a long-term care facility for veterans contingent upon the receipt of federal funds.

Our senior veterans deserve a safe and reliable long-term facilities as a small compensation for their commitment to the United States of American and its way of life.

On behalf of the Advisory Board, I strongly urge that you pass this resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to express the views of the Advisory Board.

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RESOLUTION 68 URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND  
THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT AUTHORIZATION OF THE  
ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION  
OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY FOR VETERANS CONTINGENT UPON THE  
RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS

PRESENTATION TO THE

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

BY

MR. RONALD P. HAN  
DIRECTOR OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

March 12, 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 Resolution 47 and House Concurrent Resolution 68.

This measure authorizes the issuance of GO bonds for the construction of a long-term care facility for veterans contingent upon the receipt of federal funds. The offset is 35% state funding and 65% federal funding.

The State of Hawaii in partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has an opportunity to fix an ever increasing critical need in our community: long-term care resources and services for our veterans. With the success of the Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home in Hilo, a second Veterans State Home is needed to fill the 173 bed shortfall (verified by VA based on our Veterans population State-wide) we are currently experiencing. OVS is expecting our State Veteran population to grow due to the drawdown of troops in Iraq, the forthcoming pullout from Afghanistan in 2014, and with defense budget cuts targeting existing end strength. More military members are attaining Veteran status. Additionally, there are growing numbers of aging World War II, Korean and Vietnam War veterans in need of health care that a skilled nursing facility would bring. This new State Veterans Home would also bring additional jobs and provide training synergy with our current and future health care professionals and providers stimulating our local economy.

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 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 HC 47/HCR 68.