

Date: March 21, 2014

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

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

Subject: Support for HR83

As the Chair, Advisory Board to the Office of Veterans' Services, which represents over 170,000 Hawaii veterans, we fully support House Resolution 83.

It is important to urge the female members of the United States Senate to reform the military investigatory and prosecutorial systems governing sexual assaults.

Please pass the resolution in the honor of all service members, especially female service members, who have serviced their country.

Thank you for letting me express the Board's view on this resolution.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HR 83/HCR 113 ENCOURAGING FEMALE MEMBERS OF
THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO REFORM MILITARY INVESTIGATORY
AND PROSECUTORIAL SYSTEM GOVERNING SEXUAL ASSAULTS

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

BY

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April 2, 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 on House Resolution 83 and House Concurrent Resolution 113.

In response to the Resolution, the OVS has a Women's Military and Veteran Sub-Committee under the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services established to address issues affecting women who continue to serve and for those who have served in uniform. Undoubtedly, much more must be done in legislation and reform to stop these cases of military sexual trauma and assaults.

The OVS supports reform initiatives to help our Women Veterans, who comprise 10-12% of our Hawaii State Veterans population today and is our fastest growing group of Veterans.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak on behalf of Hawaii's Veteran community.



Planned Parenthood of Hawaii

To: Hawaii State House of Representatives Committee on Veterans, Military & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 8:30 a.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 312
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii in support of H.R. 83/ H.C.R. 113

Dear Chair Takai and Members of the Committee on Veterans, Military & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts,

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii writes in support of H.R. 83/ H.C.R. 113, which encourages female members of the United States Senate to reform military investigatory and prosecutorial systems governing sexual assaults.

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii is dedicated to providing Hawaii's people with high quality, affordable and confidential sexual and reproductive health care, education, and advocacy. Military members and their families, in particular, use our services at a high rate because they are unable to obtain the same confidential care through the military's healthcare system. We support this resolution because it will promote the sexual and reproductive health of military women by deterring harassment and assault and encouraging reporting by victims.

Sexual harassment and violence in the military is a known and present problem, and it is imperative that reforms are made to prevent harassment and assault and provide victims with appropriate and effective services and systems both during and after their military service. Enacting reforms to address sexual harassment and assaults will help to ensure that these brave women and men have the prevention and care that they need and deserve.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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