

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BIL 539, SD1 (SSCR27), RELATING TO VETERANS
PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

BY

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February 14, 2013

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Committee members:

I am Ron Han, Director of the Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony in support of the concepts in Senate Bill 539, SD1 (SSCR27).

This measure would exempt certain total and permanently disabled veterans from paying any motor vehicle registration expenses. People who qualify must be a resident of Hawaii and be a 100% disabled veteran as determined by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) or its predecessor and in receipt of disability retirement pay. These individuals shall not be required to pay any motor vehicle registration expenses.

Recommend Changes:

Discharge must be other than dishonorable from the United States uniformed armed forces; and to exclude vehicles used for commercial purposes and more than one vehicle of a disabled veteran from the exemption.

I believe that this is necessary to give back to those who have served valiantly in uniform in support and in sacrifice to our country. The freedoms we enjoy today and been paved by their dedicated and honored service.

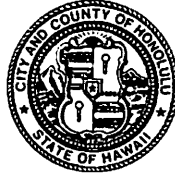
We defer to the agency with direct responsibility for implementation.

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 Biennium Budget for Fiscal Biennium 2013-2015.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Veterans and their families in support of SB 539, SD1, (SSCR27).

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The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
and Members
Committee on Ways and Means
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
514 South Beretania Street
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Dear Chair Ige and Committee Members:

Subject: S.B. No. 539 SD1, Relating to Veterans

The intent of S.B. Not 539 SD1 is for the waiver of the State Registration Fee as prescribed in Section 249-31, HRS.

We recommend that a new section be added to Chapter 249, HRS, that would describe the conditions for exemption and Section 249-31(a), HRS, include the reference of the new section. Applicable language is contained in H.B. No. 170 HD1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis A. Kamimura".

Dennis A. Kamimura
Licensing Administrator

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 249, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:
4 "§249- Exemptions for certain cars; disabled veterans.
5 Any totally and permanently disabled veteran who is:
6 (1) A resident of Hawaii;
7 (2) Other than dishonorably discharged from the United
8 States uniformed armed forces;
9 (3) Determined by the United States Department of Veterans
10 Affairs or its predecessor to have a service-connected
11 one hundred per cent disability rating for
12 compensation or a service-connected disability rating
13 of one hundred per cent; and
14 (4) In receipt of disability retirement pay from any
15 branch of the uniformed armed forces;
16 shall not be required to pay any motor vehicle registration fees
17 as required by section 249-31. This exemption shall not extend



1 to vehicles used for commercial purposes, nor to more than one
2 vehicle of the disabled veteran."

3 SECTION 2. Section 249-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

5 "(a) All vehicles and motor vehicles in the State as
6 defined in section 249-1, including antique motor vehicles,
7 except as otherwise provided in sections 249-4 [~~and~~], 249-6, and
8 249- , shall be subject to a \$45 annual vehicle registration
9 fee. The fee shall be paid each year together with all other
10 taxes and fees levied by this chapter on a staggered basis as
11 established by each county as authorized by section 286-51, and
12 the state registration for that county shall likewise be
13 staggered so that the state registration fee is due and payable
14 at the same time and shall be collected together with the county
15 fee. The state registration fee shall be deemed delinquent if
16 not paid with the county registration fee. The respective
17 counties shall collect this fee together with the vehicle
18 registration tax collected for the county and shall transfer the
19 moneys collected under this section to the State."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Motor Vehicle Registration Fee; Veterans; Exemption

Description:

Exempts certain totally and permanently disabled veterans from paying the State motor vehicle registration fee. (HB170 HD1)

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