

LATE TESTIMONY

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 540
RELATING TO VETERANS

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker 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 Senate Bill 540.

Recommend insert to read:

The determination of eligibility for burial within any State veterans' cemetery will be in accordance with current Veterans Affairs and National Cemeteries Administration Regulations.

This measure ensures Hawaii's eligibility requirements for the burial of members of the United States Armed Forces, Veterans, and their dependents to the criteria established by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs regarding eligibility for burial in a National or State cemetery.

The OVS supports the concepts and intent of this bill 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 540.