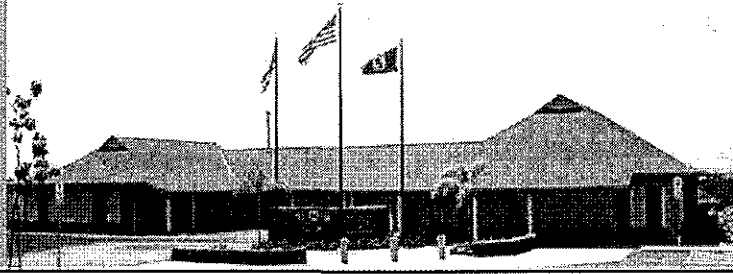
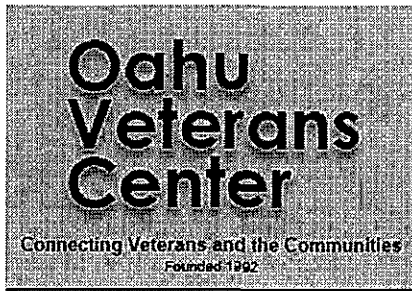


SB 541

RELATING TO VETERANS DISABILITY BENEFITS.

Exempts federal veterans disability benefits from seizure to enforce a court judgment, except for certain child and spousal support cases.



January 29, 2013

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 541
RELATING TO VETERANS DISABILITY BENEFITS
WITH COMMENTS**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY
HEARING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 29TH AT 2:50 PM, IN CONFERENCE
ROOM 224**

Aloha Chair Espero: The Oahu Veterans Council's delegates are honored to serve at the pleasure of our veterans and their families. On January 26th, our delegates reviewed and voted unanimously to support Senate Bill 541.

We are extremely grateful for your efforts to exempt federal veterans disability benefits from seizure to enforce a court judgment, except for certain child and spousal support cases.

Since The Veterans Administration will equitably apportion a subject veterans disability compensation, for the purposes of providing support for the subject veterans dependent children and/or custodian, when a claim is filed in their behalf, the exception imbedded in this Bill's language may not be necessary.

Providing this legislative protection in state law supports and endorses the intent of United States Code', Title 10, Section 1408(a)(4)(C) and is much appreciated by our veterans and military personnel who serve so selflessly; they ask for no more recognition than we would expect for ourselves.

The Oahu Veterans Council respectfully urges your committee to consider passing Senate Bill 541 with the suggested comment included. Mahalo, for allowing us to testify, regarding this extremely important issue.

Dennis Egge

Dennis Egge; Chairman, Legislative Committee



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SB541

Submitted on: 1/27/2013

Testimony for PSM on Jan 29, 2013 14:50PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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January 27, 2013

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Support of SB541

As a retired military service member and a member of the State Advisory Board for Veterans' Services, I strongly support the exemption of federal veterans disability benefits from, seizure to enforce a court judgment, except for certain child and spousal support cases.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my support for this measure.

Sincerely,

Mike Golojuch

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To: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS, Senator Will Espero, Chair

Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2013, 2:50 p.m., Conference Room 224, State Capital,

Re: SB 541 - Relating to Veterans

Chair Espero and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 541 Relating to Hawaii's Veterans. My name is Keith Ribbentrop and I am retired from the United States Air Force and disabled combat veteran of the Vietnam War, I live in Volcano Hawai'i. The passage of SB 541 is vital in providing peace of mind to Hawai'i veterans and their dependents.

Permanently disabled veterans often live on their disability income; this fixed income generally falls short of day-to-day necessities. Further the nature of their service connected disabilities often will not allow pursuit gainful or supplemental employment. The exemption of totally and permanently disabled veterans from seizure can only improve the quality of live for a veteran.

I urge you to support our military members and family by voting yes on SB 541.

Keith Ribbentrop
Volcano Hawai'i