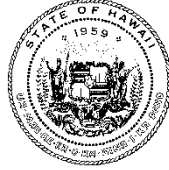


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OF  
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TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE  
ON  
FINANCE  
ON  
April 1, 2013

S.B. 551, S.D. 2, H.D. 1

RELATING TO A MEMORIAL

Chair Luke and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on S.B. 551, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of S.B. 551, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

DAGS defers to the Office of Veterans Services, Department of Defense, State Historic Preservation Division and other interested parties on the substantive provisions of this measure and will continue its efforts to work collaboratively with these state agencies and other entities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.

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STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 551, SD2, HD1 (HSCR 997)  
RELATING TO MEMORIALS

PRESENTATION TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

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

April 1, 2013

Good morning Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Nishimoto, and members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to in support of Senate Bill 552, SD2, HD1 (HSCR 997) as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Biennium Budget for Fiscal Years 2013-2015.

This bill requests the Office of Veterans' Services with the assistance of the State Departments of Accounting and General Services and Defense to submit a plan to establish a memorial honoring veterans of the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Global War on Terrorism, Homeland Defense, Operation Noble Eagle and Operation new Dawn to protect our borders by land, sea, and air. The bill also requires a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2014.

Given the scope of the planning required to adequately represent the wars and campaigns mentioned, the OVS would like to recommend that a Memorial Commission, Working Group, or Task Force be established to address Veteran and community concerns and specific criterion for these memorials. Upon concept development and public review, a legislative report will be finalized. Funds to employ a contractor who would gather information concerning structures and symbols that represent each part of the memorials will be addressed in the next legislative session.

Given our present economic situation, this project could help create construction and other jobs that may aid in the recovery process.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my comments.



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April 1, 2013

**Testimony in Support of SENATE BILL 551  
Relating to a Memorial  
Before the  
House Committee On Finance  
Hearing On Monday, April 1, 2013, 2:00 P.M.  
In Conference Room 308**

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto & Johanson, and Committee Members,

The Department of Hawaii, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) represents more than 3,800 members in 20 Posts located throughout the State of Hawaii. VFW is a federally chartered national association of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who have served the United States of America in wars, campaigns, and expeditions on foreign soil or in hostile waters.

S.B. 551: Directs the Office of Veterans Services, with the assistance of the state Department of Accounting and General Services and Department of Defense, to develop a plan to establish a memorial honoring veterans of the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Global War on Terrorism, Homeland Defense, Operation Noble Eagle, and border patrol. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 07/01/2050 (S.D. 2)

Construction of a memorial in the historic district of Honolulu to honor the service of veterans of the recent periods indicated in the bill is not only appropriate, but also well deserved. By including those service members who have protected our borders by land, sea, and air, as honoree, this measure acknowledges these “unsung military heroes.”

VFW Hawaii members are grateful for your efforts to honor certain veterans in a manner similar to veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars already honored with a memorial in the historic district of Honolulu. We urge this Committee to make this measure effective upon its approval by the Governor of Hawaii—not July 1, 2050!

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the original S.B. 551, but in opposition to the effective date of S.D. 2.

*Lawrence M.G. Enomoto*

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VFW Hawaii State Legislative Liaison

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**SB551**

Submitted on: 4/1/2013

Testimony for FIN on Apr 1, 2013 14:00PM in Conference Room 308

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Past VFW State Commander Stanley Y. Fernandez		Support	No

Comments: Urge your kind and strong support for SB551, Memorial for Veterans bill. Urge your strong support and passage of SB551, Relating to a memorial for our OEF/Iraq/Afghanistan military personnel who gave their supreme sacrifice for the defense of the principles of freedom for our country.

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