

SB 551

RELATING TO A MEMORIAL.

Directs the Office of Veterans' Affairs, with the assistance of the Department of Accounting and General Services and Department of Defense, to develop a plan to establish a memorial honoring the veterans of the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn. Requires a report to the Legislature.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
ON
January 29, 2013

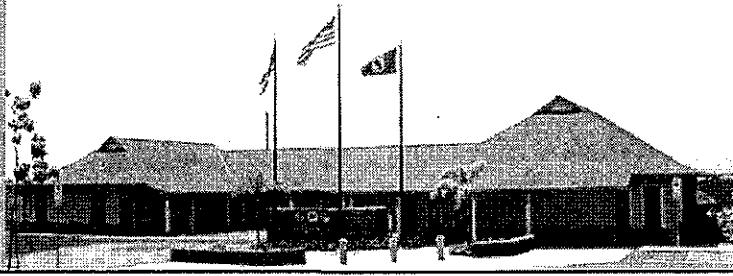
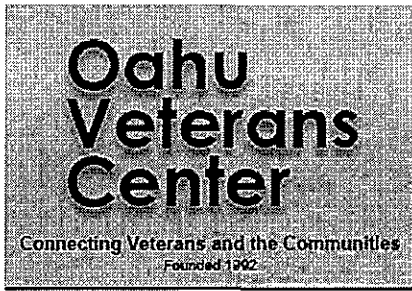
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Chair Espero and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on S.B. 551.

The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the intent of S.B. 551 and defers to the Office of Veterans' Services, Department of Defense and other interested parties on the substantive provisions of this measure.

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



January 29, 2013

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 551
RELATING TO A MEMORIAL, WITH COMMENTS
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY
HEARING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 29TH AT 2:50 AM, IN CONFERENCE
ROOM 224**

Aloha Chair Espero: The Oahu Veterans Council is 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 551.

We are extremely grateful for your efforts to establish an Operation Desert Storm; Operation Iraqi Freedom; Operation Enduring Freedom; Operation New Dawn memorial

We respectfully suggest this monument should be located on the Capitol Grounds, adjacent to the existing Vietnam War memorial

Providing this memorial in state law is so is much appreciated by our veterans and military personnel whose comrades in arms sacrificed their lives 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 551 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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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
Keith Ribbentrop	Individual	Support	No

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 551 - Relating to Veterans

Chair Espero and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 551 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 551 and Developing a Memorial is the highest honor that can be paid to War era Veterans. This Memorial recognizes the service and sacrifices of Hawai'i veterans, armed service members and their dependents acknowledging the efforts made by them to keep our country safe, and to say thank you for your service.

I urge you to support our military members and family by voting yes on SB 551.

Keith Ribbentrop
Volcano Hawai'i

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Mike Golojuch	Individual	Support	No

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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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RE: Support of SB551

As a retired military service member and a member of the State Advisory Board for Veterans' Services, I strongly support the establishment of a memorial honoring the veterans of the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn.

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

Sincerely,

Mike Golojuch