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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS, MILITARY & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE ARTS

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

March 13, 2013
8:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 965, S.D. 1, RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL
AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING.**

THE HONORABLE K. MARK TAKAI, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Celia Suzuki, Licensing Administrator for the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 965, S.D. 1, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing.

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 965, S.D. 1, is to establish clarifying qualifications for "nonresident military spouses" eligible for expedited procedures for professional and

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vocational licensing by endorsement or reciprocity, and temporary licensing. It also defines a “nonresident military spouse”. The Department agrees with the amendments to Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 436B.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 965, S.D. 1.

The Service Member's Voice in Government
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES
Hawaii Chapter (HI-1)

March 10, 2013

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 965SD1
RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, AND INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS
HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH AT 8:30 PM, IN CONFERENCE
ROOM 312

Aloha Chair Takai and Vice Chair Ito: Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony regarding SB 965SD1. The National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) is honored to be recognized as "The Service Member's Voice in Government." Here, in the great State of Hawaii, NAUS Hawaii Chapter (HI-1) our 519 members serve proudly as a component part of our nation's largest per-capita uniformed service community.

NAUS Hawaii Chapter (HI-1) members applaud your efforts to amend Chapter 46B Hawaii Revised Statutes in support a non-resident military spouses efforts to pursue their profession or vocation while residing in the State of Hawaii with their military sponsor who is stationed here in accordance with permanent change of station orders issued by the US Department of Defense.

NAUS Hawaii Chapter (HI-1) respectfully encourages your committee to consider passing SB 965SD1 as written.

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**Testimony to the House Committee on Veterans, Military and
International Affairs, and Culture and Arts**

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

8:30 AM

Conference Room 312

**RE: SENATE BILL NO. 965, SD1, RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND
VOCATIONAL LICENSING**

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito, and members of the committee:

My name is Charles Ota and I am the Vice President for Military Affairs at The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii (The Chamber). I am here to state The Chamber's **support Senate Bill No. 965, SD1**, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing.

The measure establishes qualifications for "nonresident military spouses" eligible for expedited procedures for professional and vocational licensing by endorsement or reciprocity and temporary licensing. Establishes requirements for nonresident military spouses to maintain licenses and requires reporting of changes in status or circumstances that may affect licensure.

The procedures proposed in this measure tracks with efforts by the Obama Administration to simplify and expedite the employment of trained, educated and highly qualified military spouses as they accompany their service member spouse on military duty assignments.

In light of the above, we recommend SB 965, SD1, be approved.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

LATE TESTIMONY

Hawaii State Legislature
State House of Representatives
Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

State Representative K. Mark Takai, Chair
State Representative Ken Ito, Vice Chair
Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

Wednesday, March 13, 2013, 8:30 a.m. Room 312
Senate Bill 965 SD 1 Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing

Honorable Chair K. Mark Takai, Vice Chair Ken Ito and members of
the House Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts,

My name is Russel Yamashita and I am the legislative representative for the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA) and its 960 member dentists. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 965 SD 1 Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing. The bill before you today would seek to provide clarification of Act 247, SLH 2012, which permitted spouses of non-resident military personnel to be permitted to receive temporary licensure while assigned to Hawaii. The legislation last year contained a number of problems which this bill seeks to correct and clarify such as clearly stating that the military spouse must be posted to Hawaii on a regular assignment and that the term of licensure is only for the duration of such a posting.

The HDA supports the passage of this legislation in its current form and does not see the need for any modifications or amendments to this bill.