

**LATE TESTIMONY**

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1564, HD1 (HSCR 806-14)  
RELATING TO VETERANS

PRESENTATION TO THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND  
MILITARY AFFAIRS

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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** for the concepts in House Bill 1564, HD1, Relating to Veterans.

This measure requires the counties to obtain approval from the Office of Veterans Services prior to any action that may impact the State's obligation to establish and maintain Veterans' cemeteries.

The counties have proven in most cases to upholding the standards of the State and VA National Cemetery Administration regulations. County maintenance staff members must be aware that any changes that could affect cemetery operations negatively should be addressed to OVS for discussion, planning, and resolution even though they may not be a breach of county laws and statues.

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 Budget for Fiscal Year 2015.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Veterans and their families.