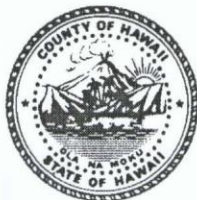


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January 22, 2014

The Honorable Cindy Evans, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Water and Land

Dear Representative Evans and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support** of this bill.

Our disabled veterans have served our country with honor, and they have sacrificed their bodies to defend the rights and freedoms we take for granted in America.

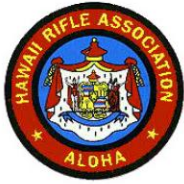
Nothing we can do will express all the gratitude we have for everything they have done for us, but the establishment of a lifetime hunting license for a nominal fee is one way you can recognize what they have done and make their lives easier.

House Bill 1907 sets the fee for a hunting license at \$3 for all qualified disabled veterans who are residents of the state. This is a good bill and I ask for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Onishi".

Dennis "Fresh" Onishi
Hawai'i County Council Member



Hawaii Rifle Association

State Affiliate of the National Rifle Association
Founded in 1857

January 23, 2014

Testimony on [HB 1907](#)
Before WAL, Friday, January 24, 2014
IN STRONG SUPPORT

Hon. Chair and Members,

HRA supports our Disabled Veterans and Wounded and this bill. Thank you for introducing it.

Dr. Maxwell Cooper,
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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND**

**Friday, January 24, 2014
9:30 AM
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1907
RELATING TO HUNTING LICENSES**

House Bill 1907 proposes to establish a lifetime hunting license for qualified disabled veterans and veterans who have received a purple heart. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) generally supports this measure, with the following concerns and conditions.**

The Department is uncertain what mental or physical disabilities would be included as "qualified" would suggest that the qualified disability does not otherwise preclude the veteran from owning a firearm. The type of official military documentation required as proof of 60% or more disability, or proof of award of a purple heart, would also need to be specified. The Department requests that the qualified veterans still be required to pass the State of Hawaii's Hunter Education class prior to obtaining a lifetime hunting license.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
CHAIRPERSON
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HB1907

Submitted on: 1/23/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brendon Heal	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the bill.

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January 23, 2014

The Honorable Cindy Evans
Chair, House Water and Land Committee
Sent Via Email

Re: House Bill 1907 – SUPPORT

Dear Representative Evans:

On behalf of the Hawaii members of the National Rifle Association, I support House Bill 1907.

Our Nation's veterans are cherished members of our community. This bill is a great way to say thank you for those who have made great sacrifices to protect the freedoms we enjoy.

Thank you for your attention and I ask that you support this bill.

Cordially,

Daniel S. Reid
State Liaison

Cc: Members, House Water and Land Committee

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Lodge	hawaii hunting association	Support	No

Comments: The Hawaii Hunting Association supports H.B. 1907. America's disabled veterans have honored us with their service and duty. This is an opportunity to respect their service to us. Providing a onetime fee of three dollars for our disabled veteran to purchase a lifetime hunting license is if nothing else, a responsibility. Much Aloha, Tom Lodge

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BIL 1907,
RELATING TO HUNTING LICENSES

PRESENTATION TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

BY

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

January 24, 2014

Chair Evans, Vice Chair Lowen 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 of the concepts in House Bill 1907 along with some recommendations.

Thank you for introducing this measure to allow disabled Veterans who were honorably discharged and State residents, and those who received wounds in combat earning the Award of the Purple Heart Medal, to pay only \$3 for a hunting license.

Here are some recommendations: That the bill be further modified for all those who are qualified disabled Veterans with a service connected disability defined by the Veterans Administration of 0% or higher. Veterans with a disability rating of 0 % (i.e. hearing loss) are still officially rated, but receive no compensation at this level.

Giving back to those who have served valiantly in uniform in support and in sacrifice to our country is truly a great privilege. The freedoms we enjoy today have been paved by their dedicated and honored service.

We defer to the agency with direct responsibility for implementation.

The OVS supports the concepts and intent expressed in this measure as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget for Fiscal 2014-2015.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Veterans and their families in support of HB 1907.

County of Hawai'i
Game Management Advisory Commission

Testimony of the Game Management Advisory Commission

Supporting H.B. 1907

Committee on Water & Land

Relating to Hunting License/Veterans

Friday, January 24, 2014, 9:30am

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Thank you for your consideration.

With deep respect,

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**TESTIMONY OF J YOSHIMOTO, CHAIR
HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL
REGARDING
HB 1907, RELATING TO HUNTING LICENSES**

House Committee Water and Land
Friday, January 24, 2014 at 9:30 a.m..
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This small group of veterans who have sacrificed for our great nation are deserving of this special consideration.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony IN SUPPORT on HB 1907.

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Testimony of the Hawaii Sportsmen Alliance
Supporting H.B. 1907 relating to Hunting Licenses
House Committee on Water & Land
Friday, January 24, 2014, 9:30AM, Room 325

My name is Philip Heileson and I wanted to submit testimony in support of bill 1907. Our veterans have put everything on the line for us as citizens and the disabled gave more than most. We in Hawaii have benefitted greatly from their sacrifice and we need to support this bill in a small gesture of gratitude for their service. I support a one time fee of \$3 for a lifetime license for our disabled vets.

Aloha,

Philip Heileson



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makani	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: As a veteran I strongly support this measure. it's a step in the right direction.

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