

HB 2073 HD1

RELATING TO MEMORIALS

Appropriates funds for the planning, design, and construction of a Hawaii Gulf War Memorial to be located at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, on the island of Oahu, and replicas of the memorial to be located at state veterans' cemeteries statewide.

Effective July 1, 2050. (HB2073 HD1)

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2073, HD1
A BILL RELATING TO THE VETERANS

PRESENTATION TO
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG
STATE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND DIRECTOR OF STATE CIVIL DEFENSE
March 13, 2014

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and the Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, State Adjutant General and Director of State Civil Defense. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 2073 HD1.

This measure will fund the planning, design, and construction of a Hawaii Gulf War Memorial.

The memorial will honor the sacrifices and contributions of veterans from Hawaii who served in the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Enduring Freedom, and service members who engaged in the Global War on Terrorism, Homeland Defense, and Operation Noble Eagle. The Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe will be the location of the memorial. State veterans' cemeteries statewide will have replicas of the memorial.

This memorial has the support of the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services and veterans groups. This appropriation will allow the process toward the Hawaii Gulf War Memorial to continue.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of HB 2073 HD1.

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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
ON
March 13, 2014

H.B. 2073, H.D. 1

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Chair Espero and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on H.B. 2073, H.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services supports H.B. 2073, H.D. 1 and will work collaboratively with the Office of Veterans Services and other interested parties to effectuate the purpose of this measure.

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

Date: March 10, 2014

To: The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

From: Mike Golojuch, Lt Col, USAF (Ret), Chair, Advisory Board on Veterans' Services

Subject: Strong Support for HB2073, HD1

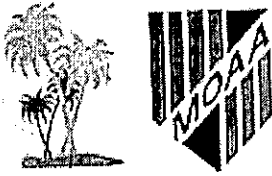
As the Chair, Advisory Board to the Office of Veterans' Services representing over 170,000 Hawaii veterans, we support HB2073. It is fitting in the course of American tradition to recognize all service members who have serviced in various military combat missions since the initial Gulf War from August 2, 1990.

I can personally state that on a recent trip to the New England States, I found several Gulf War memorials to the veterans of all services in several states. It is such a small way to pay back those who went off to protect our way of life.

It is fitting to this memorial to be located on the grounds of the Hawaii State Veterans' Cemetery in Kaneohe.

We strongly urge passing this measure and make funds available at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you for the opportunity to express the views of the Advisory Board.



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**Testimony of
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Before the
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Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Committee Members**

Our chapter of 500 retired and currently serving officers of the Uniformed Services strongly supports HB 2073 HD1, as amended, which funds the planning, design and construction of a War Memorial to honor those who have fought in the several conflicts since the end of the Vietnam War.

We note that the very public process used to develop the design concepts and possible location of such an important and long overdue memorial allowed veterans and their families and friends to offer specific thoughts on such a memorial. I don't believe that such an open transparent process has ever been used before. I do believe that this process will result in a well designed and important addition to the existing memorials to earlier wars.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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**Testimony in Support of HOUSE BILL 2073 HD1
Relating to Memorials Before the
Senate Committee On Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Hearing On Thursday, March 13, 2014, 2:45 P.M. In Conference Room 224**

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Committee Members,

The Department of Hawaii, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) represents 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.

H.B. 2073 HD1 Appropriates funds for the planning, design, and construction of a Hawaii Gulf War Memorial to be located at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, on the island of Oahu, and replicas of the memorial to be located at state veterans' cemeteries statewide.

Having selected the site for a state memorial to honor the sacrifices of members of the United States armed services from Hawaii who served in the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Global War on Terrorism, Homeland Defense and Operation Noble Eagle, it is now imperative that enough funds are appropriated for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the planning, design and construction of the Hawaii Gulf War Memorial on the grounds of the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe and for replicas to be located on the grounds of state veterans' cemeteries on other islands.

VFW Hawaii members are grateful for your efforts to promote this tangible form of recognition for all military veterans who have passed away regardless of where their remains are now located.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 2073 HD1.

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Thursday, March 13, 2014

Testimony on House Bill 2073 HD1, RELATING TO MEMORIALS

Good morning Chair Will Espero and Vice Chair Rosalyn Baker and members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

I strongly **support** HB 2073, HD1, which appropriates funds for the planning, design, and construction of a Hawaii Gulf War Memorial to be located at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, on the island of Oahu and replicas of the memorial to be located at state veterans' cemeteries statewide. I was selected and served as a member of the Task Force which sought to determine the need and placement of this memorial. We met and a committee received public testimony and published and received comment through the use of a statewide survey. The results were presented to the legislature as a report. In short the Task Force found that there was sentiment for such a memorial, that the memorial should include the names and other information about the military members honored on the memorial and that placement of the memorial in the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery was appropriate provided that replicas be placed within Neighbor Island Veteran Cemeteries.

Based upon public input and the need to complete the memorials the request for five million dollars appears reasonable.

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

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