



Date: March 24, 2014

To: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Committee on Ways and Means

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

Subject: Strong Support for HB2074

As the Chair, Advisory Board to the Office of Veterans' Services, which represents over 170,000 Hawaii veterans, we strongly support HB2074. Our board has received several briefings on the shortfall of 173 beds for our increasingly aging veteran population.

We need the general obligations bonds authorized and funds appropriated, contingent upon the receipt of federal funds, so the needed long-term veteran facility can be constructed.

This is another positive way to repay veterans for the sacrifices they made.

The Board strongly urges that you pass this measure and make funds available.

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