

SB 3046

RELATING TO GOLD STAR FAMILY DAY

**Designates the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star
Family Day"**

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 3046 RELATING TO GOLD STAR FAMILY DAY
PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS & TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS

BY

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February 25, 2014

Chairs Espero & Wakai, Vice Chairs Baker & Nishihara and Committees 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 Senate Bill 3046, Relating to Gold Star Family Day.

This measure designates the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Family Day".

As the director for the State Office of Veterans Services, we join our Gold Star families in recognizing the last Sunday of September as "Gold Star Family Day". Being one of the caretakers of our veterans' cemeteries statewide, and especially at our Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, I deeply and wholeheartedly feel for these family members who have lost their sons and daughters in America's wars to preserve our freedoms that we enjoy today. Designating this "Gold Star Family Day" is a befitting honor to those who have given selflessly to their Nation and its citizenry and to their loved ones who remain.

I strongly recommend that the State of Hawaii support SB 3046 for the benefit of our Gold Star Families and the legacy of service of their loved ones lost in combat.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Veterans and their families in support of SB 3046.

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

1:30 PM

Conference Room 414

RE: SENATE BILL NO. 3046, RELATING TO GOLD STAR FAMILY DAY

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, 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* of Senate Bill No. 3046, Relating To Gold Star Family Day.

The measure proposes to designate the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Family Day".

The proposal is to amend Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by adding a new section to appropriately designate the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Family Day" in recognition of family members of those men and women who gave their lives to their country while serving with armed forces of the United States in time of war or during periods of hostilities.

Hawaii would join with Illinois, North Dakota, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin, and Guam, in celebrating an honor first observed by a joint congressional resolution on June 23 1936. We believe that the proposal will provide proper recognition of the personal sacrifices made by service members and their families, especially during the wars fought in the Middle East over the past 10 years.

In light of the above, we recommend the measure be approved.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony

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And
Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts

Good morning Chair Will Espero and Vice Chair Rosalyn Baker and members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Chair Glenn Wakai and Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara and members of the Committee on Technology and the Arts.

I strongly **support** SB 3046, which DESIGNATES THE LAST Sunday in September as “Gold Star Family Day.” This legislation is a small tribute to the family members who have lost a family member who was serving this great country when they were taken from them.

This is a fitting honor for the State to grant to these family members.

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

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Comments: This is a worthwhile tribute to the military families that sacrificed so much for the freedoms that we enjoy. I wish we could do more.

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