



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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HAWAII STATE CAPITOL

**Senator Will Espero**

**Chairman**

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

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## LATE TESTIMONY

Dear Senator Espero,

This is to register the support of the Philippine Consulate General for HB 1119, a bill relating to Filipino Veterans.

During World War II, the Philippines was a Commonwealth of the United States. Nearly 100,000 soldiers of the Philippine Commonwealth Army fought alongside United States and Allied forces. The sacrifices of the Filipino soldiers played a vital role in the Allied victory in the Pacific.

This bill is a fitting recognition of the role of the Filipino World War II veterans, whose number continues to dwindle each year. The bill recognizes their wishes to be buried in their homeland, as many of these veterans have family residing in the Philippines.

The Philippine Consulate General, therefore, supports HB 1119, appropriating funds to the Office of Veterans Services for the purpose of burial grants for Filipino veterans of World War II.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,



**GINA A. JAMORALIN**  
Consul General

The Uniformed Service Member's Voice in Government  
**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES**  
**Hawaii Chapter (HI-1)**

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1119**

**RELATING TO FILIPINOVETERANS**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND  
MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**HEARING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:45PM,  
IN CONFERENCE ROOM 229**

Aloha Chair Espero and Vice Chair Baker: Thank you again, for providing this opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 1119. On Capitol Hill the National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) is well known as "The Service Member's Voice in Government." Here, in the great State of Hawaii, NAUS Hawaii Chapter (HI-1) serves at the will and pleasure of our nation's largest per-capita uniformed service community.

NAUS Hawaii Chapter (HI-1) members proudly recognize the selfless service performed by our Filipino comrades in arms during WW2. We cannot applaud our State's currently unfunded intentions, regarding their last wishes, to be laid to rest in the country of their birth.

NAUS Hawaii Chapter (HI-1) respectfully urges your committee to pass House Bill 1119, as currently published, with the equitable amount of compensation to be determined during this 28<sup>th</sup> session of our state legislature.

Thank you for being here for us,

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Dennis Egge; Chapter President

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