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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES
Hawaii Chapter (HI-1)

January 31, 2015

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1119

RELATING TO FILIPINOVETERANS

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS & CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

**HEARING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND AT 9:00AM,
IN CONFERENCE ROOM 309**

Aloha Chair Cachola and Vice Chair Ito: Thank you for providing us with this opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 1119. On Capitol Hill the National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) is "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 the State's current 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 consider passing House Bill 1119 as currently published, with the equitable amount of compensation to be determined during this 28th session of our state legislature.

Thank you for being here for us,

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Comments: As a member of the Filipino-American Historical Society of Hawaii (FAHSOH) and a member of the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS), I am in strong support of HB 1119. FAHSOH has as its mission bringing together those who are interested in Filipino heritage and increasing people's understanding of the Filipino American experience. We prepared an exhibit in 2009 "Hawaii Filipino and Filipino American Soldiers: A Legacy of Valor and Loyalty." This bill is important because it will appropriate funds which honor the final wishes of Filipino veterans to be buried in their homeland. Thank you for recognizing and honoring the sacrifices of these Filipino veterans.

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