

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1807  
A BILL RELATING TO MILITARY SERVICE

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

BY  
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February 8, 2016

Chair Ito, Vice Chair Tokioka, and Members of the House Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts:

I am Major General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 1807.

This measure will benefit members of the National Guard and Reserve residing in Hawaii. It will be a welcome benefit to state employees who have regular weekend work schedules.

I offer the following changes to the measure's language to better mirror 5 USC 6223.

- Organized Reserves transformed into the United States Army Reserve in 1952.
- A change of language to "*Reserves of the armed forces*" will include the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Air Force Reserve, and the Coast Guard Reserve.
- The phrase "*National Guard*" includes Army National Guard and Air National Guard.

Integrating these changes, the revised bill language at page 2, line 2 would read:

(a) All officers and employees of the State and the several counties who are appointed for at least six months of service shall be entitled, ~~while participating in inactive-duty training, while on active duty, inactive duty training~~ or during periods of camps of instruction or field maneuvers as members of the Hawaii National Guard or Reserve of the Armed Forces, ~~organized reserves, including the officers' reserve corps and the enlisted reserve corps~~, under call of the President of the United States or the governor of the State, to receive pay as provided by law. During the absence of the officer or employee, while in the performance of ordered military or naval duty, including inactive-duty training, as a member of the national guard, or Reserve of the armed forces, ~~air national guard, naval militia, or organized reserves, including the officers' reserve corps and the enlisted reserve corps~~, the officer or employee shall receive the officer's or employee's salary or compensation as an officer or employee, but only for a period not exceeding fifteen working days in any calendar year.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 1807.

Ralph P. Aguon  
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05 February 2016

Honorable Representatives for the State of Hawaii,

My name is Ralph Peter Aguon. I am currently employed with the Department of Public Safety as a Correctional Officer. I am also an active member of the Hawaii Army National Guard. I have been employed with DPS for the last 30 years and have been with the Hawaii Guard since 1998 (Prior service in the 80's, joined the Guard in 98).

As you know, working as a correctional officer is a 24-7 job. This means I frequently have to work regularly scheduled weekends and holidays. On National Guard duty weekends in which I am scheduled to work, I have to request personal vacation time in order to fulfill my National Guard obligation. I have willingly sacrificed those personal vacation days in order to serve my State and Country. However, sometimes I feel I am being slighted as I lose both the time I have to serve during the weekend as well as the vacation time I cannot use at a later time to spend with my family.

It is my hope that current and future soldiers of the Guard and Reserve can utilize the "excess" military leave days not used for annual training for regular weekend Reserve/Guard drill days. This lessens the sacrifice already put out by Service men and women and allows them to utilize personal vacation days for its intended purpose.

I thank you all for your time and consideration in this matter and thank you for your service to the people of the Great State of Hawaii. Aloha!

Respectfully,

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Lyman Douglas Ross	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support this bill. It is about time that the City and State government extends the same allowances to our Reserve forces as the Federal government currently does.

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