

HB2741 HD1

Testimony

Measure Title: RELATING TO MILITARY IN THE ARTS.

Report Title: Appropriation; State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Military Members; Veterans; Appropriation (\$)

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2741 HD1 RELATING TO MILITARY IN THE ARTS

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ARTS AND THE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MR. RONALD P. HAN, JR.
DIRECTOR OF STATE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

March 22, 2016

Good morning Chair Taniguchi, Chair Nishihara and Vice-Chair Espero, and members of the Committees:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the Hawaii State Office of Veterans Services. I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 2741 HD1 as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget.

This bill requests that an appropriation of funds be used to fund the state foundation on culture and the arts in the military program. Expanding this program will offer additional resources to returning veterans and their families as they transition back to civilian life.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my comments.

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THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON
HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ARTS
and
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY
MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
March 22, 2016

Chairs Taniguchi and Nishihara, Vice Chair Espero, and the Members of the Senate Committees on Higher Education and the Arts, and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs.

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 the intent of House Bill 2741 HD1.

Returning veterans and their families face many challenges as their transition back to civilian or home station life. The programs described in this measure can only assist in their transition.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of the intent of House Bill 2741 HD1.



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TESTIMONY OF
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March 21, 2016
RELATING TO MILITARY IN THE ARTS

Chair Taniguchi, Chair Nishihara and members of the Committees, I am
Jonathan Johnson, Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts
(SFCA), and I am grateful for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of H.B 2741, HD1.

The arts have proven to be an effective tool in support of veterans, active duty
military and their dependents.¹ Engaging in the arts bolsters the resilience and
accelerates the ability of military personnel to heal and carry out their commitment to
serve our nation. The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Department of
Defense recognize this and have a Military Healing Arts Partnership that supports music,
writing, and visual arts therapy at military care facilities Walter Reed Hospital and the
Fort Belvoir Community Hospital in Virginia. The 2015 Federal Budget Bill included
language encouraging states to support military and the arts programming on the state
level which this legislation does. With the significant number of veterans, service
members and their dependents in Hawaii, such programming would be appropriate.
Federal grant funding to states, requiring a one to one match, is available for arts in the
military initiatives.

Through this initiative, organizations sponsoring programs in the arts, culture
and the humanities, could expand their focus to include the military. Funding would be
available through the SFCA Biennium Grants Program in the areas of Arts Education,
Heritage and Preservation, Community Arts, Visual and Performing Arts.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

1. National Initiative for Arts & Health in the Military Arts, "Arts, Health and Well-Being Across the Military Continuum," Americans for the Arts



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March 18, 2016

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Committee on Higher Education and the Arts

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

RE: **HB 2741 HD 1**

Relating to Military in the Arts

Dear Chairs Taniguchi, Nishihara, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the umbrella organization, Hawai'i Alliance for Arts Education DBA Hawai'i Arts Alliance, a private statewide non-profit, we are submitting testimony in **full support of HB 2741 HD 1, relating to military in the arts.**

In Hawai'i we have a very large military community including active duty members, their families and veterans. This legislation is in full accord with the National Initiative for Arts and Health in the Military. The arts can play a key role in helping the military sustain and promote troop force and family readiness, resilience, retention and for veterans, the success reintegration into a family and community life.

There are countless stories and anecdotal evidence about the positive impact the arts have on the military population directly, resulting in a healthier and more interconnected surrounding community. The specific programs outlined in the bill include healing arts, after-school arts education, performances and discounted rates for military at all arts events in civilian population, and direct participation in theater, dance, visual arts, literary arts and cultural activities. We firmly applaud all these programs and urge passage of this legislation so the arts can be part of our military lives.

The arts are of deep value to all of us and provide the basis for understanding and for healthy lives like no other endeavor. They tell the story of humankind, and we are all participants. As one of our most famous Presidents remarked: "*Art establishes the basic human truths, which must serve as the touchstone of our judgment.*"

John F. Kennedy

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Mahalo,


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Chief Executive Officer

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Submitted on: 3/17/2016

Testimony for HEA/PSM on Mar 22, 2016 14:30PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J. Trice	Soundtable Entertainment Inc.	Support	No

Comments:

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PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEES ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ARTS

AND

PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY Carswell J. Ross, Jr. CMSgt. USAF (Ret.)

Date of Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2016, Conference Room 224

Thank Chairs Taniguchi and Nishihara, and Vice Chairs Espero, and members of the respective committees, for this opportunity to **strongly support HB 2741, HD1**. This measure seeks to provide funds to support supportive arts programs that can address the needs of veterans suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), offer after school arts education programs, performances on military bases for military members and veterans and their family members and offer theater arts events such as dance, musical and dance opportunities for veterans and active duty military members.

I ask the Committee members to remember that our military, active, Guard and Reserves are mainly young individuals who have left home to serve this country. They are often transferred to places within the United States that is far from home. The benefit of arts programs is that these individuals can be transported home through the arts. They can explore new or reconnect with skills that have become rusty due to lack of use. The Arts can enrich the soul and heal by the expressions of feelings in a safe and supportive environment.

I thank the committee for allowing me this opportunity to testify in strong support of this bill.

I submit testimony in support of HB 2741 HD-1.

This bill supports our military, their families and veterans with expanded arts integration including healing arts, after-school arts education, performances, and discounted rates for military at all arts events in the civilian population. It also promotes direct participation in theatre, dance, visual arts, literary arts and cultural activities.

Our large military population will benefit from these arts activities as have been endorsed by the National Initiative for Arts and Health in the Military. The arts play a key role in helping the military members and their families with resilience, retention, and for our veterans, successful reintegration into family and community life.

Please support HB 2741 HD-1.

Sincerely,

Dr. Betsy Fisher

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Maximin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am support of arts integrated in the lives of our military, including but not limited to the healing arts. Thank you

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From: [GVO Testimony](#)
To: [HEA Testimony](#)
Subject: FW: SUPPORT HB 2741 HD-1
Date: Monday, March 21, 2016 9:16:45 AM

From: Janine Tully [mailto:jtully001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2016 9:50 AM
To: GVO Testimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 2741 HD-1

Dear Committee members,

In Hawaii we have a very large military community, including active duty personnel, their families and veterans. This legislation is in full accord with the National Initiative for Arts and Health in the military. The arts can play a key role in helping the military sustain and promote family emotional health and the successful reintegration into family and community life.

Thank you for your support.

Janine Tully

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katherine Love	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support appropriation of funds to establish an arts for the military program as described in the measure before the committee. -Katherine Love Artist, Curator, Arts Administrator

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From: Peggy Adams <adamsp@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2016 10:08 AM
To: HEA Testimony
Subject: HD 2741 HD-1

Dear Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts:

As Hawaii Arts Alliance so clearly expresses: In Hawai'i we have a very large military community including active duty members, their families and veterans. This legislation (for HD 2741 HD-1) is in full accord with the National Initiative for Arts and Health in the Military. The arts can play a key role in helping the military sustain and promote troop force and family readiness, resilience, retention and for veterans, the successful reintegration into family and community life. There are countless stories and anecdotal evidence about the positive impact the arts have on the military population directly, resulting in a healthier and more interconnected surrounding community. The specific programs outlined in this bill include healing arts, after-school arts education, performances and discounted rates for military at all arts events in civilian population, and direct participation in theater, dance, visual arts, literary arts and cultural activities. We firmly applaud all these programs and urge passage of this legislation so the arts can help integrate military and community lives.

I wholly support this bill.

Peggy Gaither Adams
UHM Professor, Theatre and Dance

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teri L Skillman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As the former Coordinator for HiSASM's Second Saturday program, I know the benefits of providing arts education programs for the public. This Bill will directly benefit programming and access to the programs for the military. The effect will be a more engaged military community that supports local artists. I am in full support of this measure. Mahalo!

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