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

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 805HD2 WITH COMMENTS
RELATING TO VETERANS DISABILITY BENEFITS
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
HEARING AT 9:30AM ON MONDAY, April 6TH
IN CONFERENCE ROOM 016

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran and Vice Chair Shimabukuro: Thank you for providing this opportunity to share our sentiments in support of House Bill 805HD2. 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 services community.

NAUS Hawaii Chapter (HI-1) sincerely appreciates your efforts to exempt Federal Title 38 United States Code chapter 11 related disability benefits, from claims of creditors, attachment, levy, or seizure under any legal or equitable process, as provided by federal law; and prohibiting their being awarded to any other person.

In addition to protections proposed in HB 805HD2 that we support, Arizona and most recently Wyoming also prohibit indemnification of those who would claim access to the subject disability benefits, in a military divorce action. Your support for this legislative example will most certainly strengthen Hawaii's support for United States Code, Title 38 Chapter 11, Title 42 Section 659(h)(1)(A)(ii)(V), Title 10, Section 1408(a)(4)(B), and be much appreciated by our divorcing disabled veterans and military personnel.

Thank you for being here for us,

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