

SB 633

RELATING TO THE MILITARY

Allows reservists and national guard members in active service who desire to run for office to file nomination papers and take their oaths by mail.

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 633
A BILL RELATING TO MILITARY

PRESENTATION TO
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

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February 5, 2015

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

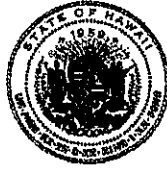
I am Brigadier General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii
Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 633.

The opportunity to serve in elective office is one of the corner stones of our democracy. This
measure will allow deployed members of the Hawaii National Guard and reservists to complete
their nomination papers and take oaths using registered or certified mail with a return receipt.

A future deployment could include other Guard members who would file for county or state
elective offices. Two current members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, Representatives
Tulsi Gabbard and K. Mark Takai continue their Hawaii National Guard service. A future
deployment away from Hawaii could require them and others intent to serve in elective offices to
use this proposed filing process.

I ask the members of this committee to vote in **SUPPORT** Senate Bill 633.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this measure.



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Chair Espero and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Senate Bill No. 633. The purpose of this bill is to require the Office of Elections to allow reservists and national guard members on active duty who desire to run for office to file their nomination papers and oaths by mail.

Currently, there is no requirement that a candidate file their nomination paper, or take their oath in-person, as long as the nomination paper is properly completed and received by the filing deadline. However, members of the military on active duty may not be candidates for office if they are active for more than 270 days. Department of Defense Directive 1344.10 regarding Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces provides, in part, the following:

4.2.2. A regular member, or a retired regular or Reserve Component member on active duty under a call or order to active duty for more than 270 days, may not be a nominee or candidate for the offices described in subparagraph 4.2.1., except when the Secretary concerned grants permission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 633.