

SB 686

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A WAR MEMORIAL

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 686
A BILL RELATING TO MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A WAR MEMEORIAL

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

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ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
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 686.

This measure appropriates funds to the Office of Veterans Services for the planning, design,
and construction of a Gulf War Memorial. This Gulf War Memorial will honor all members of our
armed forces who served in America's longest war; especially those members wounded and
those who paid the ultimate sacrifice during this time.

The memorial will serve to honor these service members as time passes and memories fade.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** Senate Bill 686.

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Good afternoon Chair Espero, Vice-Chair Baker, and members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 686 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 out of general revenues of the State of Hawaii to the State Office of Veterans Services for the planning, design, and construction of a Gulf War Memorial for placement at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe and replicas for placement in Veteran Cemeteries in the Counties, as submitted by the Gulf War Memorial Task Force to the legislature in January 2014.

This tribute and memorial will honor those who have served and who continue to serve in our Nation's Armed Forces during this lengthy period of war and pay special honor to those who were wounded and paid the ultimate sacrifice in multiple operational campaigns.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my comments.