

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 48 AND SENATE RESOLUTION 22, RELATING TO REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ORDER THAT WHENEVER THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES IS FLOWN ON A PERMANENT FLAGPOLE IN FRONT OF THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING, THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES' POW/MIA FLAG SHALL BE FLOWN ON THE SAME HALYARD.

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

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Good Morning Chair Ito and Vice Chair Tokioka, and members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services. I appreciate this opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 48 as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget.

This bill requests that the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag be flown on the same halyard as the United States flag to honor the sacrifices made by members of United States Armed Forces. This POW/MIA flag is a tangible and lasting tribute to those service members who protected, sustained liberty and freedom, and enabled us to live the American way of life but were never able to return home.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my comments.