

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1222, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM
REGISTRATION FEES

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

BY

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9:30 a.m.

Good morning, Chair Ito, 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 testimony **in support** of the concepts in House Bill 1222.

This measure would repeal the requirement that disabled veterans be in receipt of disability retirement pay in order to be exempt from paying the annual vehicle registration fees. Veterans who qualify must be a resident of Hawaii, a 100% disabled veteran as determined by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and received an "other than dishonorable discharge".

Service connected 100% disabled Veterans served valiantly in uniform in support of and in sacrifice for our country. The freedoms we enjoy today have been paved by their dedicated and honored service. This is a small token of our appreciation for their heralded duty. There are currently 3075 VA rated 100% disabled Veterans that reflect Hawaii as their home or residence.

We defer to the agency with direct responsibility for implementation.

The OVS supports the concepts and intent expressed in this measure as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Veterans and their families.

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ronald wright	Oahu Veterans Center	Support	No

Comments: OVC strongly supports HB1222.

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Golojuch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a disabled veteran I strongly support HB1222.

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Fukuzawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I continue to support this bill as a 100% disabled veteran