

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 168, RELATING TO MEMORIALS

PRESENTATION TO THE  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

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February 28, 2017  
11:00 a.m.

Good morning, Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, 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 the concepts in House Bill 168.

This measure appropriates funds for the planning and design of a memorial to honor service members of the recent conflicts in the Persian Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the various theaters of the Global War on Terrorism, to be located at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, on the island of Oahu, and replicas of the memorial to be located at state veterans cemeteries statewide.

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 written testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Veterans and their families.



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Chair Luke and members of the Committee, I am Jonathan Johnson, Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA), and I am grateful for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of H.B.168.

The SFCA supports the concept to plan and design a memorial to honor and recognize those who served in the Global War on Terrorism. If it is the desire of the Hawaii Gulf War Memorial Task Force to incorporate a works of art component in the larger memorial design, the SFCA recommends forming an Art Advisory Committee (AAC) following the SFCA's collection management policy for all new works of art. AAC's assist with the selection of location, defining the medium and theme of the work of art, recommending an artist, and review of design proposals.

The SFCA supports the future appropriation of funding to implement the proposed intent, provided that doing so does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

Public Testimony  
of  
Allen K. Hoe  
Honolulu, Hawaii

In Support of HB 168  
RELATING TO MEMORIALS

Before the House Committee on Finance  
Thursday, February 28, 2017  
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Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members.

My name is Allen K. Hoe I am a proud Vietnam combat veteran and a GOLD STAR FATHER. It has been 12 years now when my family was informed of the “price of freedom” with the news that our beloved Nainoa was killed in combat in Mosul, Iraq while serving his country.

It is also my honor to continue the effort began by of one of your peers, Congressman K. Mark Takai. In 2012 while a member of this Honorable Body Mark set in motion the process to establish this Memorial as a lasting tribute to the men and women of Hawaii who gave their “last full measure of devotion” for their State and Nation.

Hawaii has an unmatched legacy of service in our nation by its sons and daughters who have willingly gone to war for our freedoms. Further, your actions in recognizing the sacrifice of the families of not only our sons and daughters but all who have left Hawaii’s shores “never to return” with the Hawaii State Medal of Honor Award is truly remarkable.

HB 168 represents one more step in the deliberate process to provide a lasting tribute to the service and the sacrifice of Hawaii’s heroes who gallantly faced down the forces of evil who would threaten to do harm to our way of life.

The measure before you will bring the deserved recognition and honor to the memory of Hawaii’s fallen heroes and allow the Memorial to move one step closer to reality with the planning and design of the Memorial.

Respectfully,  
Allen K. Hoe



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Comments: In steadfast support of this bill and it's merits to recognize our many veterans that served in the Persian Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the various theaters of the Global War on Terrorism. It is time to honor them and their sacrifices with a memorial. Hu-rah! Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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