

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 168, HD1, RELATING TO MEMORIALS

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

BY

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March 14, 2017

1:15 p.m.

Good afternoon, Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, 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 the concepts in House Bill 168, HD1.

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

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Comments: I strongly urge this Committee to recommend that the 2017 Legislature 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.

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Chair Nishihara 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, H.D. 1.

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, HD1
RELATING TO MEMORIALS

Before the Senate Committee
on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Tuesday, March 14, 2017
1:15 p.m., Conference Rm. 229

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai 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 my honor to continue the mission initiated several years ago by Congressman K. Mark Takai, during his tenure in the House. In 2012 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, HD1 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