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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1902, RELATING TO MILITARY APPRECIATION
MONTH

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

BY

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10:00 a.m.

Good morning, Chair LoPresti, Vice Chair Fukumoto, 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 1902.

This measure designates May as Military Appreciation Month in Hawaii.

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.



**Testimony to the House Committee on Veterans, Military & International
Affairs & Culture and the Arts
Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.
Conference Room 429, State Capitol**

RE: HOUSE BILL 1902 RELATING TO MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

Chair LoPresti, Vice Chair Fukumoto, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **strongly supports** HB 1902, which designates May as Military Appreciation Month in Hawaii.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 2,000+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

In 1985, the Military Affairs Council (MAC) was established as part of the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii. The mission of the MAC is to effectively advocate to promote, preserve and protect military missions and installations in Hawaii. The MAC recognizes the military with a variety of events in the month in May of every year and very much supports HB 1902. If passed, the month of May would be placed in statute to help show Hawaii's appreciation and recognition of those individuals of our armed forces who have played an important role in the development of our country and State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.