

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2181 HD1, RELATING TO PEARL HARBOR  
REMEMBERANCE DAY

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

BY

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1:30 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. I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of the concepts in House Bill 2181 HD1.

This measure establishes each December 7<sup>th</sup> of each year as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in honor and recognition of the brave service members and civilians who lost their lives during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7<sup>th</sup> 1941.

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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Testimony for PSM on 3/13/2018 1:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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Comments:

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E. Ileina Funakoshi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Our 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team should never be forgotten for the blood they shed to prove their loyalty to the United States and to fight the prejudice that was prevalent during that time.

Their legacy as the most decorated unit for its size and length of service is worthy of recognition for the many generations to follow.