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

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

BY

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February 01, 2018  
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 2181.

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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I strongly support HB2181.

Michael Golojuch, Lt Col, USAF(Ret)

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Pearl Harbor is definitely a very important day in history of Hawai'i. I ask, that your recognition and purpose in creating this day is to use it as a day to inform and enlighten everyone about all aspects of Dec. 7. This is not just about Japan and the US. It is about all the people who lost their lives on that day, including from friendly fire. It's about lives totally turned around by the event. Friends and families separated, homes taken away from families who had lived there for generations, lands of the Hawaiian people now used for the pleasure of the military like at Hale Koa and Bellows . Every day those of us who live on O'ahu see the results of that day and live with them in some way. This is not just about Japan attacking and the people who lost their lives. It is so much more.

In addition, I wish to ask what other Hawaiian historical days the legislature will be asking for a special day. Noting that January 17 is an extremely important day historically in our islands. We could start with that?

While you are elected as legislators for the "State" of Hawai'i, it is important to remember that these islands are and will always be Hawaiian and our perception and governance should reflect and honor this place from that perspective and experience always.