

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 420, RELATING TO VETERANS

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

BY

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Good morning, Chair Ito, Vice Chair Tokioka, 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 420.

This measure establishes the designation of "one hundred percent disabled veteran" on drivers licenses, instruction permits, and civil identification cards at the voluntary discretion of the eligible veteran.

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.

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Fukuzawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Although I am a 100% Disabled Combat Veteran from Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, I am opposed to this bill. Being that I am 100% DAV, I already have a permanent government identification from the federal government which identifies me. I don't need to have this designation on my license or my license plate or on some other state identification. Actually in this day and age of identity theft, I would prefer to reduce thievery as much as possible. Even though it might be nice to have a special license plate with that designation, it will only do something for me and no one else. Also in this day and age of terrorism, it might only increase me as a target. I have one of the early combat veteran plates and have been thinking of turning it as to reduce visibility to me or any of my family members. I think our tax dollars would be better spent on other more critical issues at this time.