

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 175/HOUSE RESOLUTION 147, URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO RESTORE THE PRESUMPTION OF A SERVICE CONNECTION FOR AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE TO UNITED STATES VETERANS WHO SERVED IN THE WATERS DEFINED BY THE COMBAT ZONE AND IN THE AIRSPACE OVER THE COMBAT ZONE IN VIETNAM

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

BY

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March 23, 2018  
10:15 a.m.

Good morning Chair LoPresti and Vice Chair Fukumoto, and members of the Committee:

I am Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans' Services. I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 175/House Resolution 147 as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has published studies on specific cancers among Vietnam Veterans and has concluded that veterans who served in the U.S. Navy have a higher risk of cancer. More than 30 veteran service organizations clearly support the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013 (H.R. 543) in response to those studies.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my comments.

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Marcella Alohalani Boido	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, all.

In some ways, it seems as if the Vietnam War never ends. How depressing.

Let us at least try to right this specific wrong.

Please support and pass HCR 175 and HR 147.

Thank you.

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