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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 601, HD1
RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM REGISTRATION FEES

PRESENTATION TO
THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

BY

MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN
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FEBRUARY 13, 2019

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and Members of the Committee on Transportation.

I am Major General Arthur Logan, Adjutant General, Director of the State Emergency Management Agency and Director of Homeland Security.

The Department of Defense (DOD) provides written testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB 601, HD1.

This measure, if passed would, repeal the requirement that disabled veterans be in receipt of "disability retirement pay" to be exempt from paying the annual vehicle registration fees. Veterans who qualify would be required to be a resident of Hawaii, a 100% disabled veteran as determined by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and receive an "other than dishonorable discharge".

I appreciate your support of our Veterans, as our service connected 100% disabled Veterans have served selflessly in support and in defense of our country. There are approximately 3790 VA determined 100% disabled Veterans in Hawaii. Passing this bill would expand the limited number of 100% disabled Veterans that are currently eligible due to the existing language of not only being 100% disabled, but also receiving "disability retirement pay."

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in Support of HB 601, HD1.

We defer to the agency with direct responsibility for implementation.

The DOD supports the 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.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 601 H.D. 1, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM
REGISTRATION FEES

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

BY

MR. RONALD P. HAN
DIRECTOR OF STATE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

February 13, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Good morning, Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of the concepts in House Bill 601 H.D.1.

This measure would repeal the requirement that disabled veterans be in receipt of disability retirement pay in order to be exempt from paying the annual vehicle registration fees. Veterans who qualify, if this measure is adopted, must be a resident of Hawaii, a 100% disabled veteran as determined by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and received an "other than dishonorable discharge".

Service connected 100% disabled Veterans served valiantly in uniform in support and in defense of our country. The freedoms we enjoy today have been paved by their dedicated and honored service. This is a small token of our appreciation for their heralded duty. There are currently 3790 VA rated 100% disabled Veterans that reflect Hawaii as their home or residence.

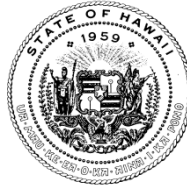
We defer to the agency with direct responsibility for implementation.

The OVS supports the 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.

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H.B. 601, H.D. 1
RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM REGISTRATION FEES.

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill.

The DOT generally does not support exemptions as reductions in revenue are detrimental to the health of the State Highway Fund. This bill seeks to expand the exemption from payment of vehicle registration fees for disabled veterans residing in Hawaii with a 100-percent disability rating, to include those who are pre-retired, which could decrease vehicle registration revenues by approximately \$118,000. The DOT recognizes that these exemptions will assist our disabled veterans, and thus, we support this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

HB-601-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carlos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill corrects a previous bill to create the intended effect. Encourage pass without delay.