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TESTIMONY ON SENATE RESOLUTION SCR 102, SSCR 1700
DECLARING JUNE 27 OF EACH YEAR AS POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY
AWARENESS DAY AND DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR AS POST-
TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY AWARENESS MONTH IN HAWAII

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

BY

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Good morning, Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I appreciate this opportunity to provide comments **in support** of SCR 102, SSCR 1700.

Numerous members of the military, first responders, healthcare professionals, family members and the community at large have seen and lived with the effects of post-traumatic injury. Some have experienced unwarranted biases and have been wrongly stigmatized for an injury that is very common, but more importantly, treatable and repairable. This resolution seeks to bring an important awareness to all levels of the community and to ensure the required emphasis is applied to successfully address and to support related programs that can help those in need.

The OVS **supports** this resolution so 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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