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TESTIMONY ON SENATE RESOLUTION SCR 195, SD1/SR 160, SD1
URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AMEND THE UNITED STATES CODE TO
PERMIT ALL RETIRED, DISABLED VETERANS TO RECEIVE CONCURRENT RETIREMENT
AND DISABILITY PAYMENTS

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

BY

MR. RONALD P. HAN
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March 29, 2021

Good afternoon, Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, 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 195, SD1/SR160, SD1.

Under the current federal laws, disabled Veterans who served in the armed forces for twenty years or more and possess a Veterans Affairs (VA) disability rating of 50% or higher receive dual compensation for their retirement and for their disability that they have earned and are not subjected to the offset. Consequently, the VA recognizes that the Veteran's retirement and disability compensation are two distinctive and separate entitlements. A retirement annuity was earned for successful years of service and the disability compensation was earned for a service-connected injury or ailment. Therefore, retired Military Members who have any service-connected disability compensation (i.e.10%-40%) should be afforded the same entitlements for dual compensation as those who reached retirement eligibility and are rated at the 50% disabled level. The current law creates a disparity of equitability that should be corrected to allow all VA rated disabled Veterans to receive just compensation without affecting their retirement pay through offset.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Veterans and their families.

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Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2021 9:50:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Goljuch, Sr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this resolution.

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Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2021 9:50:00 AM

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

Comments:

No one should have to give up what they've earned in order to receive something else they have also earned.

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Victoria Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this important resolution.