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**Testimony in Support of SCR 195
Senate Committee On Public Safety, Intergovernmental, & Military Affairs Hearing
on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 1:10 P.M. via Videoconference**

Senator Nishihara, Chair, Senator English, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

The Department of Hawaii, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW Hawaii) represents 4,300 members in 20 Posts located throughout the State of Hawaii. VFW is a federally chartered national association of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who have served the United States of America in wars, campaigns, and expeditions on foreign soil or in hostile waters.

S.C.R 195/S.R. 160, Both resolutions urge the United States Congress to amend 10 United States Code section 1414 to permit all retired, disabled veterans to receive concurrent retirement and disability payments regardless of the veterans disability rating or years of service in the armed forces.

Although many VFW Hawaii members who are retired, disabled veterans would benefit from such an amendment to 10 U.S.C. §1414, I can only speak for myself who retired after serving 22 years in the U.S. Air Force and who also receives U.S Department of Veterans Affairs disability compensation payments. My full USAF retired pay continues to be offset by the amount of disability compensation which I receive from the VA.

All VFW Hawaii members join me in supporting these resolutions which urge Congress to finally remove this inequity to retired, disabled veterans once and for all. The phase in of “full concurrent receipt” which Congress authorized from calendar year 2004 through calendar year 2013 still has not yet achieved in full concurrent receipt for many retired, disabled veterans like myself.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of S.C.R 195/S.R. 160.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2021 3:44:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/23/2021 1:10:00 PM

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

Comments:

I definitely support SCR195.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., Lt Col, USAF(Ret)

Member, Veterans Caucus, Democratic Party of Hawai`i

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Submitted on: 3/18/2021 8:09:50 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William K. Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this measure.

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Submitted on: 3/21/2021 5:29:31 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
MARIO GARCIA	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

IT IS SOMETHING The military/veteran has earned. There should be NO REASON to Offset ANY previous payment already earned.

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Submitted on: 3/23/2021 8:02:42 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamalani Keliikuli	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am on support of this bill

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Submitted on: 3/23/2021 11:45:49 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/23/2021 1:10:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alex Kauhi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support