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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL SRC73 / SR55
RELATING TO THE NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY

PRESENTATION TO
THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair English, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

I am BG (R) Bruce Oliveira, Community Programs Director, State of Hawai'i Department of Defense.

The Department of Defense (DOD) provides written **comments** for testimony of SRC73 / SR55.

This measure, if passed would, appropriate funds to support the ongoing operations of the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Program. The Youth Challenge Program requires \$1.7M in State matching funds for fiscal year 2021-2022 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to support ongoing operations. Furthermore, at no additional cost, the Youth Challenge Program requests 3 abolished positions and 32 defunded positions be reinstated to meet our authorized number of 100 program staffing positions required by the Master Cooperative Agreement.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in Support of SR55.

The DOD does not support this measure if it impacts or replaces the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget.

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