

TESTIMONY ON HCR 74
URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO RENAME THE JAMES B. CASTLE HIGH
SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD AFTER FORMER REPRESENTATIVE KEN ITO

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

BY

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Aloha, Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Mercado Kim, and members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han and I appreciate this opportunity to provide comments in **support** of HCR 74.

I have known former State Representative Ken Ito for over 10 years and have worked with him closely on numerous legislative matters affecting the improvements of our eight State Veteran Cemeteries and bills affecting our Veterans and their loved ones. As an US Air Force Veteran himself and distinguished educator, Ken has always been at the forefront looking for ways to improve the plight of those who served in uniform. His passion and compassion for fighting for the causes he believes in has significantly brought to light important issues affecting our Veteran population like his support for our Women Military Members and Veterans, the fastest growing demographic in the Armed Services. In this regard, a special Women's Military and Veterans Task Force was set up through legislation that has now turned into a permanent Sub-Committee under the State Advisory Board of Veterans Services. Three major State Women Military and Veterans Summits were held increasing the awareness and outreach to our Women Veterans and their loved ones throughout the State. Furthermore, his noteworthy work on several cemetery expansion projects have been completed, Veterans have a designation on their driver's licenses and State ID's and eligible disabled Veterans have a tax fee exemption on their vehicle registration.

It is no secret to those who know him that he always has his "community hat" on and is a determined leader who will find viable alternatives to problems and issues when others have thrown in the towel. Although Ken would be the first to discount the attention of naming the Castle High School Football Field after him, what cannot be discounted is his incredible caring attitude and his life-long record of service and love for his community.

Much appreciation to each of you for this opportunity to pass along my personal thoughts and comments in support of HCR 74.

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