



**IN SUPPORT OF SB 2731 SD1  
RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WAR VETERANS**

House Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs  
The Honorable Adrian K. Tam, Chair  
The Honorable Rose Martinez, Vice Chair

House Committee on Corrections, Military & Veterans  
The Honorable Mark J. Hashem, Chair  
The Honorable Cory M. Chun, Vice Chair

Friday, March 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 309 & Videoconference  
Hawaii State Capitol; 415 South Beretania Street

Chairs Tam and Hashem, Vice Chairs Martinez and Chun, and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii Military Affairs Council ("MAC") supports SB 2731 SD1 which creates license plates to honor Iraq and Afghanistan veterans.

The MAC was established in 1985 when the Chamber was appointed by the State to serve as the liaison to the military. The MAC advocates on behalf of Hawaii's military, and is comprised of business leaders, academic institutions, State and County officials, members of the CODEL, community leaders, labor unions and organizations and retired U.S. flag and general officers. The MAC works to support Hawaii's location as a strategic U.S. headquarters in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region which is crucial for U.S. national and homeland security.

Specialized license plates for veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts offer a small but important way to acknowledge and honor the sacrifices made by these individuals. These conflicts have spanned decades and represent a distinct era of sacrifice by American service members.

A simple glance at a license plate reading "IRAQ VETERAN" or "AFGHANISTAN VETERAN" gives ordinary citizens a way to silently acknowledge the service of these individuals. While a small gesture, this recognition can be meaningful to those who have put themselves in harm's way for their country.



They honor the service of a specific generation of veterans, fostering a sense of camaraderie and allowing the public to show a small token of their appreciation.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our support.

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Testimony for CAI on 3/15/2024 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2731. The military members who served in these two areas of conflict deserve a specialty license plate. Please pass this bill.

Mike Golojuch, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)

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Testimony for CAI on 3/15/2024 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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Comments:

I support this bill to honor our service members.