

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE RESOLUTION 23
& HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 42
URGING CONGRESS AND HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT THE
VETERANS HEALTH AND BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2013 AND SUPPORT THE
RECOGNITION AS VETERANS OF THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE NATIONAL GUARD

PRESENTATION TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY,
& INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE ARTS

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Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito, and Members of the House Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts:

I am Maj Gen Darryll D. M. Wong, State Adjutant General. I am testifying in SUPPORT of House Resolution 23 and House Concurrent Resolution 42.

Under current law, only Guardsmen and Reservists who have served on federal active-duty for other than training, regardless of their total years in uniform, may call themselves a veteran. Some Guardsmen and Reservists can spend 20 years or more in uniform without being called to federal active service. They are not veterans according to the government's definition.

A section of the Veterans Health and Benefits Improvement Act of 2013 gives all those with 20 years of service in the Guard and Reserve the honor of being called a veteran. Those who fall under the bill's jurisdiction would receive no benefits other than recognition as veterans.

I ask the committee to pass these resolutions.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in SUPPORT of HR 47 and HCR 68.

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Comments: NAUS HAWAII CHAPTER MEMBERS ECHO OUR NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN PRINCIPLE SUPPORT FOR THIS RESOLUTION, CALLING ON HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO PROMOTE SUPPORT FOR THE VETERANS HEALTH AND BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2013 AND RECOGNITION, AS VETERANS, OF THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE NATIONAL GUARD. At your service, Dennis Egge; Hawaii Chapter President

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