

SB 548

RELATING TO TELEMEDICINE.

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 548
A BILL RELATING TO TELEMEDICINE

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

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG
ADJUTANT GENERAL
January 29, 2013

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, State Adjutant General. I am testifying in FAVOR of Senate Bill 548.

SB 548 will allow for enhanced medical services to neighbor island beneficiaries at Hawaii National Guard armories on the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Molokai and Kauai.

The medical and health professionals who will provide these medical services are employed by the U.S. Department of Defense and credentialed by Tripler Army Medical Center.

The bill's direct and long term impact will better the health care for these beneficiaries.

I strongly urge you to pass SB 548.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Are there any questions?

**PRESENTATION OF THE
HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
AND
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
AND
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

Thursday, January 31, 2013
2:45 p.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 548, RELATING TO TELEMEDICINE.

TO THE HONORABLE WILL ESPERO, CHAIR,
TO THE HONORABLE JOSH GREEN, CHAIR,
TO THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

My name is Constance Cabral and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical Board ("Board"). The Board has not had the opportunity to review this bill but will be discussing it at the next Board meeting on February 14, 2013. Therefore, it is not able to take a position at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on S.B. No. 548.



January 29, 2013

**LATE TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 548
RELATING TO TELEMEDICINE.**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY
HEARING ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 31ST AT 2:45 PM, IN CONFERENCE
ROOM 224**

Aloha Chair Espero: The Oahu Veterans Council is delegates are honored to serve at the pleasure of our veterans and their families. On January 29th, our committee reviewed and voted unanimously to support Senate Bill 548

We are extremely grateful for your efforts to exempt from licensing requirement to practice medicine in the State any commissioned medical officer or commissioned or civilian behavioral health professional, employed by the U.S. Department of Defense, who is credentialed by Tripler Army Medical Center, while providing direct telemedicine support or services to neighbor island beneficiaries within a Hawaii national guard armory on the island of Kauai, Hawaii, Molokai, or Maui.

Providing this licensing exemption in state law is much appreciated by our national guard personnel and their families. They ask for no more compassion than we would expect for ourselves.

The Oahu Veterans Council respectfully urges your committee to consider passing Senate Bill 548 as written. Mahalo, for allowing us to testify, regarding this extremely important issue.

Dennis Egge

Dennis Egge; Chairman, Legislative Committee



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The Maui County Veterans Council supports SB 548, and requests your support as well, Thank You'

PaulLaub

President

Maui County Veterans Council



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To: The Hawai'i State Senate Committees on Public Safety, Health, and Technology and the Arts.

Re: SB 548

To: The Honorable Senators Espero, Green, Wakai, and the members of their committees.

Aloha,

The Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help support SB 548.

Mahalo,

Robert Scott Wall
Vice-President

SB548

Submitted on: 1/28/2013

Testimony for PSM/HTH/TEC on Jan 31, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Distinguished Chair and Senate Committee members, I am in support of this measure to ensure the people of Hawai'i who volunteer to defend our Nation are provided the most accessible care after returning from combat. With suicide in the military being higher than combat deaths, it is imperative that we be able to reach out to those who are in need to provide mental health counseling and support. I urge you to vote in support of this measure to expand the ability of mental health providers at Tripler Army Medical Center to provide services to our Warrior Ohana. I appreciate your consideration and extend much aloha to this committee and its members.