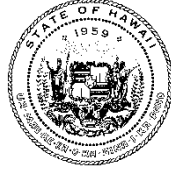


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OF  
DEAN H. SEKI, COMPTROLLER  
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TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE  
ON  
VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE ARTS  
ON  
March 13, 2013  
S.B. 551, S.D. 2

RELATING TO A MEMORIAL

Chair Takai and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on S.B. 551, S.D. 2.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of S.B. 551, S.D. 2.

DAGS defers to the Office of Veterans' Services, Department of Defense and other interested parties on the substantive provisions of this measure and will continue its efforts to work collaboratively with these state agencies and other entities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 551, SD2 (SSCR 666)  
RELATING TO MEMORIALS

PRESENTATION TO THE

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

BY

MR. RONALD P. HAN  
DIRECTOR OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

March 13, 2013

Good morning Chair Takai, Vice-Chair Ito, and members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to in support of Senate Bill 552, SD2 (SSCR 666) as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Biennium Budget for Fiscal Years 2013-2015.

This bill requests the Office of Veterans' Services with the assistance of the State Departments of Accounting and General Services and Defense to submit a plan to establish a memorial honoring veterans of the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Global War on Terrorism, Homeland Defense, Operation Noble Eagle and Operation new Dawn. The bill also requires a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2014.

Given the scope of the planning required to adequately represent the wars and campaigns mentioned, the OVS would like to recommend that a Memorial Commission, Working Group, or Task Force be established to address Veteran and community concerns and specific criterion for these memorials. Upon concept development and public review, a legislative report will be finalized. Funds to employ a contractor who would gather information concerning structures and symbols that represent each part of the memorials will be addressed in the next legislative session.

Given our present economic situation, this project could help create construction and other jobs that may aid in the recovery process.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my comments.

**The Service Member's Voice in Government**  
**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES**  
**Hawaii Chapter (HI-1)**

March 10, 2013

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 551SD2**  
**RELATING TO A MEMORIAL, WITH COMMENTS.**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, AND INTERNATIONAL**  
**AFFAIRS AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

**HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 8:30 PM, IN CONFERENCE**  
**ROOM 312**

Aloha Chair Takai and Vice Chair Ito: Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony regarding HB 551SD2. The National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) is honored to be recognized as "The Service Member's Voice in Government." Here, in the great State of Hawaii, NAUS Hawaii Chapter (HI-1) our 519 members serve proudly as a component part of our nation's largest per-capita uniformed service community.

NAUS Hawaii Chapter (HI-1) members applaud your efforts to develop, plan and establish a memorial honoring the veterans of the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Global War on Terrorism, Homeland Defense, Operation Noble Eagle, and border patrol.

Providing this memorial in state law will be very much appreciated by the survivors and loved ones of those comrades in arms sacrificed their lives so selflessly in the defense of our great nation and State.

We respectfully suggest this sacred monument should be co-located on the Capitol Grounds, adjacent to the existing Vietnam War memorial, and only those conflicts that have been formally concluded be memorialized by it.

NAUS Hawaii Chapter (HI-1) respectfully encourages your committee to consider passing HB 551SD2 with our recommendations included.

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Dennis Egge; Chapter President



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March 11, 2013

**Testimony in Support of SENATE BILL 551  
Relating to a Memorial  
Before the  
House Committee On Veterans, Military, & International Affairs,  
& Culture and the Arts  
Hearing On Wednesday, March 13, 2013, 8:30 A.M.  
In Conference Room 312**

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Committee Members,

The Department of Hawaii, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) represents more than 3,800 members in 20 Posts located throughout the State of Hawaii. VFW is a federally chartered national association of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who have served the United States of America in wars, campaigns, and expeditions on foreign soil or in hostile waters.

S.B. 551: Directs the Office of Veterans Services, with the assistance of the state Department of Accounting and General Services and Department of Defense, to develop a plan to establish a memorial honoring veterans of the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Global War on Terrorism, Homeland Defense, Operation Noble Eagle, and border patrol. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 07/01/2050 (S.D. 2)

Construction of a memorial in the historic district of Honolulu to honor the service of veterans of the recent periods indicated in the bill is not only appropriate, but also well deserved. By including those service members who have protected our borders by land, sea, and air, as honoree, this measure acknowledges these “unsung military heroes.”

VFW Hawaii members are grateful for your efforts to honor certain veterans in a manner similar to veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars already honored with a memorial in the historic district of Honolulu. We urge this Committee to make this measure effective upon its approval by the Governor of Hawaii—not July 1, 2050!

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 551, S.D. 2.

*Lawrence M.G. Enomoto*

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VFW Hawaii State Legislative Liaison

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jonathan Hoomanawanui	VFW Post Commander 3855	Support	No

Comments: In short anything that can assist the veterans who served and who are still presently serving should be held with highest respect and honor. Those who serve this great country sacrifices his/her life so that we as a community as a whole can live the freedom we deserve. We/they should NEVER be unappreciated and overlooked. If it was not for the fighting men and women we would not be able to uphold our constitution

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### **SB551**

Submitted on: 3/12/2013

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Harold Alejandro	Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 970	Support	No

Comments: Dears Sirs/Ma'ams of the House VMI Committee: We the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Col Horace Hickam Post 970, with over 500 Active Members who represents all branches of service, Wars and Campaigns to which we had fought in, would like to submit our SUPPORT for SB 551. Too many times we as a group come across people who have forgotten the history and sacrifices of the men and woman who fought in the many wars and campaigns our nation was thrust into. This memorial remembering and honoring those members of the Post Gulf Wars to the present Operations in Iraq and Afganistan via our War on Terror serves as a reminder that Freedom is NOT Free but through the sacrifices of others. Let us NOT Forget them and their Families who gave themselves especially those who gave the ULTIMATE Sacrifice to our Country. Please also consider this BILL to be taken into affect upon approval into LAW. Thank You and GOD Bless, Hal Alejandro, VFW Post 970 Jr. Vice Commander / Legislative Liaison

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stanley Y. Fernandez, Sr.	Veterans of Foreign Wars Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: Urge your strong support for this bill. Its time for the people to recognize our military personnel that have served in OIF, Iraq, and Afghanistan especially those that gave their supreme sacrifice for the defense of our country and nation,

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**Testimony of  
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,  
& CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2013  
8:30 A.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 312**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 551, SENATE DRAFT 2  
RELATING TO A MEMORIAL**

Senate Bill 551, Senate Draft 2 proposes to direct the Office of Veterans Services and the Department of Accounting and General Services to develop a plan to memorialize the sacrifice and contribution of veterans from Hawaii who have participated in wars and foreign operations since the Korean and Vietnam Wars. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the intent of this bill and requests that the Department's State Historic Preservation Division be included at the planning phase to ensure that the memorial conforms to the historic preservation requirements of the Capitol Historic District.

**WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.**  
CHAIRPERSON  
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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Comments:

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