HB 527, HD1

Measure Title:

RELATING TO UNIFORM MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Description:

Repeals the uniform maintenance allowance for enlisted personnel of the Hawaii National Guard. Effective July 1, 2013. (HB527 HD1)

STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 527 HD1 A BILL RELATING TO RELATING TO UNIFORM MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

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

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MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG ADJUTANT GENERAL March 14, 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 **SUPPORT** of House Bill 527 HD1.

This allowance, enacted in 1967, provided for an allowance to professionally launder uniforms for enlisted National Guard members.

Today's uniforms are largely made of wash and wear materials, virtually eliminating the need for professional laundering

The numerous benefits accorded by the Hawaii Legislators to National Guard and other military members in recent years will more than cover the loss in funds when the Uniform Maintenance Allowance be repealed.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's National Guard members in support of HB 527 HD1.