

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 181 SD1, RELATING TO VETERANS
PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

BY

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Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I appreciate this opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Senate Bill 181 SD1. Recommend to insert the repealed language of Act 133, SLH 2012, Section 38 in this measure as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget.

This bill allows the Department of Education to continue awarding veteran's high school diplomas to qualified veterans who did not receive a high school diploma as a result of compulsory induction into active service in the armed services of the United States until June 30, 2020.

For example, this measure would help individuals who received draft notices during the Vietnam Conflict and had to curtail their formal schooling to support our National interest and efforts abroad. With recognition and commemoration events forthcoming with the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, there may be citizens who were unaware of this special bill that was enacted several years ago to award them a veteran's high school diploma on behalf of a grateful Nation and State.

Thank you for your support of Veterans and their families and for this opportunity to offer my comments.

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