



# SB2256

Measure Title:	RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER LICENSING.
Report Title:	Driver's License; Korean Conflict Veterans
Description:	Authorizes issuance of driver's licenses with the notation of "veteran" for persons who are veterans of the Korean conflict.
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STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2256, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER  
LICENSING

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

BY

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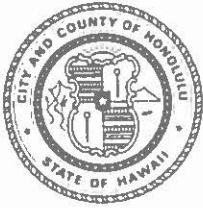
February 16, 2016

Good afternoon Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Espero, and members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services. I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony in support of the intent of Senate Bill 2256 as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget.

This bill would authorize issuance of driver's licenses with the notation of "Veteran" for persons who are veterans of the Korean Conflict. Under HRS 286-109 (a) and (a) 3, guidance reads for the issuance of the card licenses: ***"Veteran means any person who served in any of the uniformed services of the United States and was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable."*** By adding "including veterans of the Korean conflict" to this statute, this measure may still fall short of its intended purpose by allowing Korean Veterans to qualify for the veteran's annotation provision.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my comments.



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February 12, 2016

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental  
And Military Affairs  
State Capitol Building, Room 204  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee:


Subj: S.B. 2256 – Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 2256, which authorizes issuance of driver's licenses with the notation of "veteran" for persons who are veterans of the Korean conflict and in support of the Korean War Veterans Association Aloha Chapter.

These brave men risked their lives in pursuit of freedom for their fellow man and continue to contribute to our community, our State, and our Country. This bill ensures that veterans of the Korean conflict are given proper recognition honoring their service and dedication to American ideals and grant them access to documentation of their veteran status.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

  
Ann H. Kobayashi  
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Statement of  
James Shim  
President of the Korean War Veterans Association Aloha Chapter  
before the  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
Tuesday, February 16, 2016  
1:18 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229  
in consideration of SB 2256  
RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER LICENSING

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Espero, and Members of the Committee.

I support, with comments, Senate Bill 2256, which authorizes issuance of driver's licenses with the notation of "veteran" for persons who are veterans of the Korean conflict.

This bill ensures that veterans of the Korean conflict are given proper recognition and access to documentation of their veteran status.

I request that your committee amend the definition of "veteran" in SECTIONS 2 and 3 of the Senate Bill 2256 to include the following:

"and armed forces of The Republic of Korea, who fought under the command of the United Nations led by the United States, during the Korean conflict and are currently United States citizens"

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER LICENSING.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 249-9.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to special number plates for military service, allows veterans of the Korean conflict to have "Korea Veteran" imprinted on their Hawaii license plates.

The purpose of this Act is to clarify that the definition of "veteran" for purposes of notation on a driver's license includes veterans of the Korean conflict.

SECTION 2. Section 286-109, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) Upon payment of the required fee and upon demonstrating the ability to operate a certain category or categories of motor vehicles to the satisfaction of the examiner of drivers, an applicant for a driver's license shall be issued a single license of a design approved by the director of transportation upon which is made a notation of:

- (1) The category or categories of motor vehicles the applicant may operate;
- (2) Any restrictive provisions to which the license is subject;

(3) Veteran status, if desired by the applicant; provided that the notation shall be on the front of the license and shall not include any designation other than the term "veteran"; and

(4) When the license is issued to a person under twenty-one years of age, a statement, in clearly legible print that shall contrast with the other information appearing on the license, which indicates the date on which the person will attain the age of twenty-one years.

As used in this subsection, "veteran" means any person who served in any of the uniformed services of the United States, including veterans of the Korean conflict, and armed forces of The Republic of Korea, who fought under the command of the United Nations led by the United States, during the Korean conflict and are currently United States citizens, and was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable."

SECTION 3. Section 286-111, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

"(d) Every application shall state the full name, date of birth, sex, occupation, veteran status if applicable (including veterans of the Korean conflict, and armed forces of The Republic of Korea, who fought under the command of the United Nations led by the United States, during the Korean conflict and are currently United States citizens) and desired by the applicant, social security number if the applicant is eligible for a social security number, the residence address, and business address, if any, of the applicant, shall briefly describe the applicant, and shall state whether the applicant has theretofore been licensed as a driver, and, if so, when and in what state or country, and whether any such license has ever

been suspended or revoked, or whether an application has ever been refused, and if so, the date of and reason for the suspension, revocation, or refusal."

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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