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Chair Tokuda and members of the Committee, I am Jonathan Johnson, Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA), and I am grateful for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of H.B.168, H.D. 1.

The SFCA supports the concept to plan and design a memorial to honor and recognize those who served in the Global War on Terrorism. If it is the desire of the Hawaii Gulf War Memorial Task Force to incorporate a works of art component in the larger memorial design, the SFCA recommends forming an Art Advisory Committee (AAC) following the SFCA's collection management policy for all new works of art. AAC's assist with the selection of location, defining the medium and theme of the work of art, recommending an artist, and review of design proposals.

The SFCA supports the future appropriation of funding to implement the proposed intent, provided that doing so does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive budget.

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

## STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

## TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 168, HD1, RELATING TO MEMORIALS

# PRESENTATION TO THE

### COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

March 28, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Good morning, Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services. I appreciate this opportunity to provide written testimony **in support** of the concepts in House Bill 168/HD1.

This measure appropriates funds for the planning and design of a memorial to honor service members of the recent conflicts in the Persian Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the various theaters of the Global War on Terrorism, to be located at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, on the island of Oahu, and replicas of the memorial to be located at state veterans cemeteries statewide.

The OVS supports the concepts and intent expressed in this measure as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Veterans and their families.