



Honoring Our Heroes

April 11, 2024

The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Chair
Committee on Water & Land
Conference Room 430
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: STRONG SUPPORT- S.C.R. 46 SD1 / SSCR 3584 Requesting the Department of Accounting and General Services to establish a working group to plan and construct a Hawaii First Responders Memorial

Aloha Chair Ichiyama;

The Board of Directors for the Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial for Fall Law Enforcement Officers would like to express our strong support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 46, SD1 / SSCR 3584 to establish a working group to plan and construct a Hawaii First Responders Memorial.

Having served in the Honolulu Police Department for 30 years, I know firsthand the importance of having a Memorial to honor those who selflessly gave their lives in the line of duty. During my career, two of my classmates from my police recruit class were killed in the line of duty whose names are inscribed on the Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial. The Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial provides a place where family members, friends, peers, and the public can give respect, remember and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our community.

A First Responder Memorial would provide a place of honor for fire fighters, lifeguards, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and medical flight nurses and pilots. It is absolutely vital that we remember these heroes who died in the line of duty while serving the people of Hawaii. This measure will be the first step to honor these heroes.

On a personal note, I personally knew and worked side by side, with first responders like MICT Mandy Shiraki and Fire Fighters Cliff Riggsbee and Peter Crown who all died while in service to their community. These heroes deserve a Memorial so that we may remember their duty, dedication, commitment, and sacrifice.

The Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation strongly supports this measure.

I can be reached via email at hpd1670@aol.com or at (808) 223-4820 for further information.

Very respectfully,

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President, HLEMF Board of Directors



UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS

AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2024**

COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Chair
Rep. Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair

Thursday, April 11, 2024, 9:00 AM
Conference Room 430 & Videoconference

Re: Testimony on SCR46, SD1 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO PLAN AND CONSTRUCT A HAWAII FIRST RESPONDERS MEMORIAL

Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the Committee:

The United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO (“UPW”) is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which includes blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health, and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties.

UPW **supports** SCR46, SD1, which requests the Department of Accounting and General Services (“DAGS”) to establish a working group to plan and construct a Hawaii First Responders Memorial.

As the exclusive representative for the emergency medical technicians (“EMT”) and paramedics employed by the City and County of Honolulu, we believe that those first responders who have made the ultimate sacrifice while courageously serving our community should forever be honored with a fitting memorial.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kalani Werner". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kalani Werner
State Director

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Comments:

Aloha,

Yes to:- REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND
GENERAL SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO
PLAN AND CONSTRUCT A HAWAII FIRST RESPONDERS
MEMORIAL