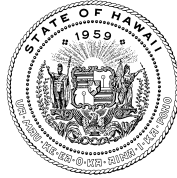


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TO THE COMMITTEE ON

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024, 3:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 225 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S. R. 34 / S. C. R. 46

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO PLAN AND CONSTRUCT A HAWAII FIRST RESPONDERS MEMORIAL.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.R. 34 and S.C.R. 46.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) **supports** S.R. 34 and S.C.R. 46 which requests that DAGS establish a working group to plan and construct a Hawai'i First Responders Memorial. We would be honored to help lead this important effort to lay the foundation for a memorial that would recognize the selfless sacrifices made by our first responders in service to our community. The working group will submit a report to the legislature by November 30, 2024, which will include preliminary plans, findings, recommendations, projected costs, and recommendations for legislation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.



Honoring Our Heroes

March 28, 2024

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
Committee on Government Operations
Conference Room 225
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: STRONG SUPPORT- S.C.R. 46 / S.R. 34 Requesting the Department of Accounting and General Services to establish a working group to plan and construct a Hawaii First Responders Memorial

Aloha Chair McKelvey;

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial for Fall Law Enforcement Officers in the State of Hawaii, we would like to express our strong support for House Concurrent Resolution to establish a working group to plan and construct a Hawaii First Responders Memorial.

Completed in 2016, the Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial offers a place of honor for those law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the people of Hawaii. It is a place where family, friends, fellow law enforcement officers and the public can visit and remember those men and women who died in the line of duty. As a retired Honolulu Police Officer, unfortunately, I have many friends whose names are on the Law Enforcement Memorial who died in the line of duty for the people of Hawaii.

The Hawaii First Responder Memorial would provide a similar Memorial to honor 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 with MICT Mandy Shiraki, and Fire Fighters Cliff Rigsbee and Peter Crown who all died in service to their community. These heroes deserve a Memorial so that we may all remember their duty, 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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