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**Testimony in SUPPORT of (SCR182/SR177)  
ENGAGE WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND OTHER FEDERAL AND  
MILITARY PARTNERS TO EXPLORE ESTABLISHING A MILITARY-CIVILIAN TRAUMA  
PARTNERSHIP TO STRENGTHEN THE HAWAII TRAUMA SYSTEM**

SENATOR GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** Unknown.
- 2 **Department Position:** The Department of Health (“Department”) is submitting testimony in  
3 support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 182 and Senate Resolution 177, which request the  
4 Governor and the Department to engage with the United States Department of Defense and  
5 other Federal and military partners to explore establishing a military-civilian trauma partnership  
6 to strengthen the Hawaii Trauma System.
- 7 **Department Testimony:** The Emergency Medical Services & Injury Prevention Systems Branch  
8 (EMSIPSB), on behalf of the Department, respectfully submits this testimony in **support** of this  
9 concurrent resolution, which seeks to explore a military-civilian trauma partnership to  
10 strengthen the Hawaii Trauma System.
- 11 Leveraging the advance capabilities of Triple Army Medical Center’s Level II Trauma Center  
12 alongside civiliam trauma system presents a critical opportunity to expand capacity, reduce  
13 transfer times, and improve patient outcomes. Proven models in other states demonstrate that  
14 these partnerships enhance both civilian trauma care and military medical readiness.

1 This resolution represents a forward-thinking, collaborative approach to addressing  
2 longstanding system gapes, improving trauma response, and ensuring equitable access to  
3 timely, life-saving care for all residents and visitors of Hawaii.

4 **Offered Amendments: None**

5 Mahalo for your consideration and for your commitment to trauma care and public health and  
6 safety.