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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**

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 10:30 AM | Room Number: 411

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 enchanche 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.

To: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
Rep. Kim Coco Iwamoto, Vice Chair
And Members of the Committee

From: Kelly Louise Carlile

Re: SCR182

Date: Monday, April 6th, 2026
10:31 am, Conference Room 211

Hello Chair Au Belatti, Vice Chair Iwamoto, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety,

I would like to share my testimony with you regarding SCR182 and my **support** for this resolution.

The United States Department of Defense has taken up a large amount of Hawaii's lands and restricted its use to DoD only personnel, creating rifts between the Native Hawaiians and residents of Hawaii for several years and continues to exploit the lands and people who are blessed to live here. As a Navy Veteran, a Social Worker in training, and a resident of Hawaii, I believe establishing a partnership with Tripler Army Medical Hospital to aid in expanding trauma care for ALL residents of Hawaii is imperative to ensuring the people of Hawaii are cared for properly and within a reasonable amount of time, increasing chances of survival and lowering long-term effects of such trauma care. It is the least that the DoD can do for taking up space in Hawai'i.

However, I do urge the committee to take into consideration that relying on the cooperation of the DoD and United States Federal Government is NOT a solution to the State of Hawaii's lack of trauma care for its ever growing population and this resolution should only be implemented as an interim to bridge the gap in care that the State has failed its residents on. This issue is supported by the literature within this resolution where it states that the State of Hawaii's Department of Health has "has not received a significant increase in dedicated trauma system funding for more than twenty years" which has the State requesting the aid of the Department of Defense and United States Military.

I am in **support** of SCR182, though I encourage the committee to consider the potential long-term effects of bridging the State of Hawaii's responsibilities with assistance from the DoD and United States Military.

Thank you for your time and allowing me to provide my testimony,
Kelly Carlile

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

I support SCR182. Please pass this resolution.

Mike Golojuch, Sr

Vice Chair.Veterans Caucus