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TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SCR 28 SD1

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY

BY

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Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice-Chair Iwamoto, and members of the committee:

The Department of Defense provides written testimony in **SUPPORT of SCR 28 SD1**.

This bill request the Department of Defense (DOD) to convene a Working Group to develop recommendations for a State of Hawaii Commemorative Vietnam Veterans Medal.

Hawaii has a long and proud history of military service, and the contributions and sacrifices that our Vietnam War Veterans made deserve recognition and appreciation. Many of our Hawaii heros came home to a hostile or indifferent society, starkly different from the hero's welcome of our previous wars. They answered the call during a challenging time in our nation's history, and this resolution provides an opportunity for the State to honor these Veterans in a meaningful and symbolic way.

Establishing a working group is a thoughtful first step to ensure that any state commemorative medal is coordinated and developed with input from key stakeholders, including the Veterans themselves. Although this commemorative medal would not be recognized as an official Department of Defense or Hawaii National Guard award, it would align similarly with the sentiments of other States who have honored their cherished sons and daughters that answered the call to serve during an especially challenging time in our nation's history.

The DOD would be honored to support this initiative and our Hawaii Vietnam Veterans, and appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support.

Please feel free to call me or our Director of Legislative Affairs, Brigadier General (Retired) Neal Mitsuyoshi at 808-369-3562, neal.s.mitsuyoshi@hawaii.gov, should you have any questions or require anything related to this initiative.

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