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January 25, 2010

The Honorable Angus L. K. McKelvey, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Economic Revitalization,
Business and Military Affairs
House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 323
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair McKelvey and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. No. 462 Proposed HD1, Relating to Special Number Plates

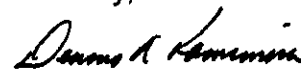
The City and County of Honolulu is opposed to H.B. No. 462 Proposed HD1 which will establish a new category of military specialty license plates.

We are concerned with the impact and proliferation of specialty license plates. This bill proposes a new license plate design recognizing women veterans. If this license plate designed is approved, we feel that the Legislature will set a precedence and receive other bills requesting recognition of other worthy groups and events.

The primary purpose of license plates is to identify a vehicle in actual traffic conditions. All military specialty license plates have the numerals which Section 249-9, HRS, requires that it be not less than three inches in height and the strokes not less than three-eighths inch in width. Identity of the vehicle with military specialty requires that a person also determine the words that are printed on the left side of the plates. Currently the police officer or the public has to remember the number and ascertain whether the words written on the left side of the license plate were one of the currently 8 other military specialty license plates. Due to the difficulty in identifying vehicles with specialty license plates, the International Association of Chiefs of Police has adopted a resolution opposing the continued proliferation of such license plates.

The City and County of Honolulu recommends that H.B. No. 462, Proposed HD1 be held.

Sincerely,


for Gail Y. Haraguchi
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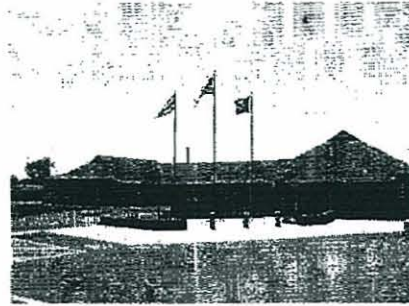
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Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 462 - Relating to Military Special License Plates

HEARING TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010, 8:30 AM, CONFERENCE ROOM 312

Oahu Veterans Council Member Calvin Griffin will be present at hearing to provide additional testimony.

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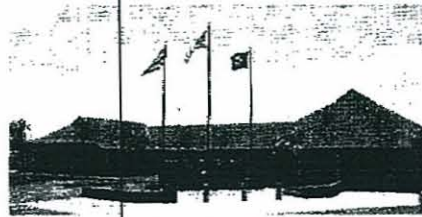
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Mahalo

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January 24, 2010

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HOUSE BILL 462 RELATING TO MILITARY SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

HEARING TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010, 8:30 AM, ROOM 312

Aloha Chair Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee. My name is Fred Ballard, President Oahu Veterans Council. The Oahu Veterans Council is comprised of over 35 Oahu veteran organizations that in turn represent over 80,000 veterans and their families. The Council voted unanimously at its meeting last Saturday, January 23rd to communicate our complete support of House Bill 462.

The Oahu Veterans Council supports the intent of HB 462 the sets aside a sum of money charged for special plates for the benefit of the state office of veterans' services (OVS). It will assist OVS in managing its important programs. Further, adopting the proposed HD1 that would authorize special plates for women veterans is certainly appropriate and long over due. The percentage of women serving in uniform continues to grow each year.

The Oahu Veterans Council strongly supports the passage of House Bill 462 and Proposed HD1.

Mahalo for allowing us the opportunity to testify in support of this very important bill.


Fred Ballard
President
Oahu Veterans Council

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- 5th Regimental Combat Team
- 45th Infantry Division Assn.
- Air Force Assn. - Chapter 138
- Air Force Sergeants Association
- American Legion Aux. Dept. of HI
- American Legion - Dept. of HI
- American Legion Post 32
- American Veterans Empowerment & Support Community Operations
- BPOE VAWS Hawaii Dist.
- China-Burma-India Veterans Assn.
- Chosin Few - Aloha Chapter
- Combat Infantrymen's Assn.
- Combat Veterans Motorcycle Club
- Disabled American Veterans - Chapter 3
- Fleet Reserve Association Branch And Unit 46
- Hawaii Multiple Schools Unit - Jr. ROTC
- Korean War Veterans Assn - Chapter 1
- Military Officers Assn. of America - Aloha Chapter
- Military Officers Assn. of America - Hawaii State Chapter
- Military Order of the Purple Heart
- Military Order of World Wars
- National Assn. for Atomic Veterans
- National Assn. of Uniformed Services
- National Sojourners - Hawaiian # 9
- National Sojourners - Honolulu # 11
- National Sojourners - Kamehameha #439
- Pearl Harbor Survivors Association
- Radiated Veterans
- Samoan Providers
- Society of Military Widows - Aloha Chapter
- Sons & Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors
- Special Forces Assn. - Chapter VIII
- State Office of Veterans Services
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Dept. of Hawaii
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 970
- Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 858
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