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RE: SENATE BILL SB 2843 SD1  
RELATING TO FLAGS (POW/MIA Flag)

To: Chairman Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair Dwight Takamine and Members of the Committee

We, Frank M. Rubio (Army) and Dorothy Greening Rubio (Navy), proudly testify and express our strong support for the passage of SB 2843 SD1 that recognizes and requires the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Flag (POW/MIA Flag) be flown with the U.S. and Hawaiian Flags at the Hawaii State Capitol and the Hawaii State Department of Defense Buildings every day of the year.

Our daughter, Diane Rubio, lived in Hawaii and hosted tours for Polynesian Adventure. Hawaii is not only a popular destination for American tourism, but it is also a state that draws international attention. The Honolulu International Airport has documented over 21 million travelers touching ground annually, all of who get a birds eye view of state buildings just moments before landing, whether or not they will be touring the islands. To see that flag, alongside Hawaii's state flag, should be a lasting privilege.

Our family strongly supports the attention that should be paid to those brave Americans who went Missing In Action or became Prisoners Of War. Please assist us in honoring those treasured and courageous souls by reminding all living and the generations to come of the sacrifices made by our brothers and sisters whose fate is forever tied to that honorable flag. To give gratitude consistently and proudly as we await their return, should be a connection younger generations make at every viewing.

Again, the Rubio Family strongly supports SB 2843 SD1 and we respectfully request that the proposed Bill be passed as is.  
Thank you for giving us the opportunity to testify for our support of SB 2843 SD1. Please feel free to **contact us at (480) 839-3939 with any questions.**

With respect,  
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