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Mark S. Moses  
Director - State of Hawaii, Department of Defense- Office of Veterans Services
- The Committee the comments are directed to:  
Committee on Tourism and Culture
- The date and time of the hearing:  
Monday, February 4, 2008 9am
- Measure number:

HB 3381

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A GRANT TO THE USS MISSOURI  
MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION, INC., FOR REPAIRS AND RESTORATION  
OF THE BATTLESHIP MISSOURI.**

Appropriates funds for a grant for the Battleship Missouri memorial for repairs and restoration work.

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 3381

RELATING TO MAKING AN APPROPRIATION  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND CULTURE

FEBRUARY 4, 2008

BY

OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

Chair Yamane and members of the Committee, I am Mark Moses, Director of the Office of Veterans Services. We support the intent of House Bill 3381 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our Executive Supplemental Budget Request.

We share the legislators' interest to provide funding to the USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc. for industrial-level maintenance work on the Battleship Missouri. An appropriation to avoid further deterioration of this national treasure will demonstrate the State's commitment to the preservation of a memorial which archives the history of its veteran community.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



# *Asian Pacific Advisors*

*Japan-America Interactive Marketing*

February 2, 2008

Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Joey Manahan, Vice-Chair  
Committee on Tourism Culture

## **Reference: HB3381**

Aloha Gentlemen:

I wish to express my utmost support of HB3381 with request to the State of Hawaii to appropriate funding for a grant for the Battleship Missouri Memorial for the sole purpose of repairs and restoration needs.

The USS Missouri Memorial Association is an essential and integral part in maintaining the welfare of the Battleship Missouri. Its monumental presence of the Battleship Missouri affords the State of Hawaii to sustain its presence with the number market, **tourism** for which it welcomes over 400,000 visitors annually and provides job opportunities for the constituents of the state of Hawaii.

E Noa Corporation has 35 years in service and our primary market is tourism. Our affiliation with the Battleship Missouri, the Arizona Memorial, and the Pacific Aviation Museum, not only allows us to provide employment, but strengthens our destination with our visitor industry on a global level. With that said, I am in strong favor of my tax dollars to support the USS Missouri Memorial Association's mission to provide and preserve its historical presence with tours and educational programs for all future generations to come.

Sincerely,

*Amanda L. Avilla*

Amanda L. Avilla  
Vice President – Sales, Marketing & Advertising  
Westbound Market  
**ASIAN PACIFIC ADVISORS**  
**(Marketing Arm for E Noa Corporation)**

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**From:** Betty Fullard-Leo [betty@fullard-leo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 03, 2008 10:40 AM  
**To:** TACtestimony  
**Subject:** Funding repairs and restoration of the Missouri Memorial

To:  
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Joey Manahan, Vice-Chair Committee on Tourism & Culture

Date: February 3, 2008  
Subject: HB3381

Dear Representatives:

I wish to express my support of HB3381 requesting the State of Hawaii to appropriate funds for a grant for the Battleship Missouri memorial for repairs and restoration work.

As an icon representative of all members of the U.S. Armed Forces, the Battleship Missouri is an American treasure entrusted to the care of the USS Missouri Memorial Association and, by extension, the people of Hawaii.

I can still remember the surge of patriotic feeling when my husband and I watched the battleship sail into Pearl Harbor. A tour through the ship made clearer to me the US role in fighting in the Gulf War. I am proud that a member of my family, Dudley Fullard-Leo, volunteered many hours to help prepare the ship for viewing. by more than 400,000 visitors annually.

The battleship has become an essential and integral part of the overall Pearl Harbor Historic Site complex, comprised of (in order of being established): USS Arizona Memorial, USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park, Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pacific Aviation Museum - Pearl Harbor, and USS Oklahoma Memorial.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial is available, free of charge, for military enlistments, reenlistments and promotion ceremonies to members of any branch, guard or reserve unit. It serves as a living, interactive educational tool that breathes life into students' history books. The Missouri has hosted more than 160,000 students in group activities since opening as a memorial in 1999. In addition, the Battleship Missouri Memorial hosts the Hawaii-based youth organizations, developing positive qualities of patriotism, courage, self-reliance, confidence and pride in our nation among youth.

I am in favor of my tax dollars supporting the Association's mission to preserve a national icon and incomparable educational tool for future generations.

Sincerely  
Betty Fullard-Leo



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**From:** Richard Hardy [rrhaloha@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 03, 2008 12:05 AM  
**To:** TACtestimony  
**Cc:** pauld@ussmissouri.org  
**Subject:** HB3381

RE: HB3381

February 3, 2008

Representative Ryan I. Yame, Chair  
Committee on Tourism & Culture

I am in support of HB3381 --

The Alpha & Omega . . .the beginning and end.

There is no more fitting tribute to the will of the American people than the Battleship Missouri.

As a state, Hawai'i, Pearl Harbor, the USS Arizona and the Battleship Missouri represent the beginning and the end of one of the most tragic, horrific wars ever fought on this planet - the State of Hawai'i clearly has the obligation to do all in it's power to assist in helping preserve the Battleship Missouri Museum.

To this end I strongly urge the State of Hawai'i to contribute substantially to continue this preservation.

We cannot afford the luxury of avoidance nor the shirking of responsibility to assist in the preservation of this fine testament of human endeavor.

Mahalo,

Richard R. Hardy  
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2/3/2008

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**From:** HHLYNNCOOK@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 02, 2008 11:52 PM  
**To:** TACtestimony  
**Cc:** pauld@ussmissouri.org  
**Subject:** HB3381

>To:  
 >Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
 >Representative Joey Manahan, Vice-Chair  
 >Committee on Tourism & Culture

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 >Date:  
 >February 3, 2008

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 >Subject:  
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 >HB3381

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 >Aloha Gentlemen:

As a freelance writer and editor of publications, written for and read by our local residents and our visitors, I write often about the Battleship Missouri. With the USS Arizona it completes the bookends of Pearl Harbor history, for me and for my readers.

If it hadn't been for the dedication of hundreds of volunteers and the contributions of individuals and corporations the Battleship Missouri would still be sitting in the bay near the Puget Sound Navy Yard, where I saw it every day of my youth.

Hundreds of thousands of visitors come to visit their history, made real by simply walking the decks of this great battleship. It is time for the State of Hawai'i to participate in the care of the historic experience we share with the world.

I wish to express my support of HB3381 requesting the State of Hawaii to  
 >appropriates funds for a grant for the Battleship Missouri memorial for  
 >repairs and restoration work.

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 >The Battleship Missouri Memorial gives back to the State of Hawaii, serving  
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 >The Battleship Missouri Memorial offers itself, free of charge, for military  
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 >educational tool that breathes life into students' history books. The  
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 >qualities of patriotism, courage, self-reliance, confidence and pride in our

>nation among youth.

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>I am in favor of my tax dollars supporting the Association's mission to  
>preserve a national icon and incomparable educational tool for future  
>generations.

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>Malama pono,

Lynn Cook

Editor, Island Air's Holoholo magazine, freelance writer - local and national publications,

808-782-3535

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Who's never won? [Biggest Grammy Award surprises of all time on AOL Music.](#)

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**From:** Yvonne Mia [YvonneM@ussmissouri.org]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 02, 2008 11:06 PM  
**To:** TACtestimony  
**Subject:** RE: Battleship Missouri

*To:*  
*Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair*  
*Representative Joey Manahan, Vice-Chair*  
*Committee on Tourism & Culture*

*Date:*  
*February 2, 2008*

*Subject:*

*HB3381*

*Aloha Gentlemen:*

*I wish to express my support of HB3381 requesting the State of Hawaii to appropriate funds for a grant for the Battleship Missouri memorial for repairs and restoration work.*

*The Battleship Missouri is a historical landmark representing a very significant time in not only our nation but the world's history. It marks the spot where one of the bloodiest wars in history ended. In the years that followed, it has served as a reminder of what brave men and women have accomplished. Still today, it educates the young people on the meaning of patriotism, courage and sacrifice exemplified by the men who fought for our freedom.*

*The Battleship Missouri Memorial gives back to the State of Hawaii, serving as an economic engine in Hawaii's visitor industry, welcoming more than 400,000 visitors annually and employing 125 full- and part-time staff.*

*It is an essential and integral part of the overall Pearl Harbor Historic Site complex, comprised of (in order of being established): USS Arizona Memorial, USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park, Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pacific Aviation Museum – Pearl Harbor, and USS Oklahoma Memorial.*

*The Battleship Missouri Memorial offers itself, free of charge, for military enlistments, reenlistments and promotion ceremonies to members of any branch, guard or reserve unit. It serves as a living, interactive educational tool that breathes life into students' history books. The Missouri has hosted more than 160,000 students in group activities since opening as a memorial in 1999. In addition, the Battleship Missouri Memorial hosts the Hawaii-based youth organizations, developing positive qualities of patriotism, courage, self-reliance, confidence and pride in our nation among youth.*

*I am in favor of my tax dollars supporting the Association's mission to preserve a national icon and incomparable educational tool for future generations.*

*Sincerely*

*Yvonne Mia Vance*

*Yvonne Mia Vance*  
*Events Manager*  
*Battleship Missouri Memorial*

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**From:** Bobi Baclaan [BobiB@ussmissouri.org]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 02, 2008 10:56 PM  
**To:** TACtestimony  
**Cc:** Sarah Tenney  
**Subject:** HOUSE BILL 3381 - HELP THE USS BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL

To:  
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Joey Manahan, Vice-Chair  
Committee on Tourism & Culture

Date:  
February 3, 2008

Subject:

HB3381

Aloha Gentlemen:

I wish to express my support of HB3381 requesting the State of Hawaii to appropriate funds for a grant for the Battleship Missouri memorial for repairs and restoration work.

As an icon representative of all members of the U.S. Armed Forces, the Battleship Missouri is an American treasure entrusted to the care of the USS Missouri Memorial Association and, by extension, the people of Hawaii.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial gives back to the State of Hawaii, serving as an economic engine in Hawaii's visitor industry, welcoming more than 400,000 visitors annually and employing 125 full- and part-time staff.

It is an essential and integral part of the overall Pearl Harbor Historic Site complex, comprised of (in order of being established): USS Arizona Memorial, USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park, Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pacific Aviation Museum – Pearl Harbor, and USS Oklahoma Memorial.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial offers itself, free of charge, for military enlistments, reenlistments and promotion ceremonies to members of any branch, guard or reserve unit. It serves as a living, interactive educational tool that breathes life into students' history books. The Missouri has hosted more than 160,000 students in group activities since opening as a memorial in 1999. In addition, the Battleship Missouri Memorial hosts the Hawaii-based youth organizations, developing positive qualities of patriotism, courage, self-reliance, confidence and pride in our nation among youth.

I am in favor of my tax dollars supporting the Association's mission to preserve a national icon and incomparable educational tool for future generations.

Sincerely

*Roberta Baclaan*  
**Ms. Roberta (BOBI) Baclaan**  
**Special Programs Coordinator**

2/3/2008

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**From:** Cheryl Tsutsumi [cct@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 02, 2008 7:13 PM  
**To:** TACtestimony  
**Subject:** Battleship Missouri

February 3, 2008

To:  
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Joey Manahan, Vice-Chair  
Committee on Tourism & Culture

Subject: HB3381

Aloha Gentlemen:

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I am in favor of my tax dollars supporting the Association's mission to preserve a national icon and incomparable educational tool for future generations.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Tsutsumi

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**From:** Frank Haas [fhaas@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 02, 2008 5:07 PM  
**To:** TACtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in favor of HB3381

To:  
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Joey Manahan, Vice-Chair  
Committee on Tourism & Culture

Date:  
February 3, 2008

Subject:

HB3381

Aloha Gentlemen:

This email is to express my support of HB3381 requesting the State of Hawai`i appropriates funds for a grant for the Battleship Missouri memorial for essential repairs and restoration work.

The effort to bring the "Mighty Mo" to Hawai`i was truly successful because of support within the Hawai`i community coupled with contributions from around the country. Helping to keep this iconic memorial "shipshape" is an honorable investment to keep faith with those who have created the memorial - and for all the veterans that served our country.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial gives back to the State of Hawaii, serving as an economic engine in Hawaii's visitor industry, welcoming more than 400,000 visitors annually and employing 125 full- and part-time staff. This type of experience helps broaden the appeal of Hawai`i and establishes the state as a rich and diverse visitor destination.

I am in favor of my tax dollars supporting the Association's mission to preserve a national icon and incomparable educational tool for future generations.

Aloha,

Frank A. Haas  
1399 Auwaiku Street  
Kailua, Hawai`i 96734

Aloha,

Frank Haas  
mailto:fhaas@earthlink.net  
Cell: (808) 781-6625



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**From:** Justin W. Vance [jvance@hpu.edu]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 02, 2008 4:27 PM  
**To:** TACtestimony  
**Subject:** Battleship Missouri  
**Importance:** High

*To:  
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Joey Manahan, Vice-Chair  
Committee on Tourism & Culture*

*Date:  
February 3, 2008*

*Subject:*

*HB3381*

*Aloha Gentlemen:*

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*I am in favor of my tax dollars supporting the Association's mission to preserve a national icon and incomparable educational tool for future generations.*

*Sincerely  
Justin W. Vance*

*Instructor of History*  
*Curriculum Area Liaison*  
*Military Campus Programs*  
**Hawai'i Pacific University**  
[jvance@hpu.edu](mailto:jvance@hpu.edu)

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**From:** Amity [lowea003@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 02, 2008 12:50 PM  
**To:** TACtestimony  
**Cc:** sarah.tenny@ussmissouri.org  
**Subject:** Funding Support for USS Missouri Memorial

Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
 Representative Joey Manahan, Vice-Chair  
 Committee on Tourism & Culture

February 3, 2008

Subject: HB3381

Warmest Aloha,

I wish to express my support of HB3381 requesting the State of Hawaii to appropriate funds for a grant for the USS Missouri Memorial restoration and repair project.

The USS Missouri Memorial has a special place in my heart in remembrance of veterans like my father a Pearl Harbor Survivor and citizens whose sacrifice we are indebted. She (the Mighty Mo) is indeed an American treasure and one that must be preserved for future generations. We as a State are now entrusted with her care, she can no longer speak for herself we must do that for her. She needs our help.

Today the Missouri provides Hawaii an economic base with an average of 400,000 visitors annual and thousands of volunteers who grace her decks and preserve her legacy.

She has become a valuable laboratory for education to our schools and students providing a living interactive tool that brings life into the classroom. In addition, the Battleship Missouri Memorial hosts the Hawaii-based youth organizations, developing positive qualities of patriotism, courage, self-reliance, confidence and pride in our nation among youth.

She is essential to the overall Pearl Harbor Historic Site partners, comprised of USS Arizona Memorial, USS Bowfin Submarine Museum, the Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pacific Aviation Museum – Pearl Harbor, USS Utah Memorial, Battleship Row, the USS Oklahoma Memorial and historic Ford Island where the war began for United States in Pearl Harbor and ended on the decks of the Missouri.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial offers itself, free of charge, for military enlistments, reenlistments and promotion ceremonies to members of any branch, guard or reserve unit.

I am in favor of my tax dollars supporting the Association's mission to preserve a national icon and incomparable educational tool for future generations. In the words of Senator Frank G. Moss dedicating the Utah Memorial:

*"While we honor those who here gave their last full measure of devotion  
 all of us hope and pray that the time will come when we no longer need  
 to dedicate memorials to men who died in battle- - - that we will dedicate  
 memorials to those who live in peace - - - to all nations and all men"*

If you haven't come to visit the Mighty Mo you must, it is an experience you should not miss.

2/2/2008

Sincerely

Sam Lowe  
Director of Education Visitor Programs & VIP Tours  
USS Missouri Memorial Association

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**From:** Sarah Tenney [sarah.tenney@ussmissouri.org]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 02, 2008 3:12 PM  
**To:** TACtestimony  
**Subject:** Tenney.Testimony Regarding HB3381 Pertaining to Restoration of the USS MISSOURI

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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To:  
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Joey Manahan, Vice-Chair  
Committee on Tourism & Culture

Date:  
February 2, 20089

Subject:

HB3381

Aloha Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and committee members:

I would like to express my support of HB3381 requesting the State of Hawaii to appropriate funds for renovation of the Battleship Missouri Memorial. As the Vice President of Development for the Battleship Missouri, our department is responsible for identifying, cultivating, soliciting, and stewarding financial and in-kind support that will ultimately achieve the organization's mission. The development department performs fundraising activities in three areas: Annual Giving Programs -- to generate recurring revenue each year (such as "Friend of the MightyMO" membership), Major Giving Programs -- to generate gifts that make a significant impact in a special area (such as a foundation grant), and our Planned Giving Programs -- to generate promises of gifts that are received in the future (such as a bequest in a will).

The mission statement, approved for 501(c)3 charitable status by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), is:

"to create and maintain a fitting memorial for the people and historic events that reflects our nation's legacy of duty, honor, strength, resolve, and sacrifice"

I am in favor of my tax dollars supporting HB3381 because tax payer dollars will help achieve this mission.

About the business. For the past 10 years, the business model has not relied on ANY consistent, annual funding from federal or state resources to maintain annual operations. The Battleship Missouri repaid an unprecedented multi-million dollar loan after convincing traditionally competitive financial groups for the financing --- the first loan of it's kind in Hawaii. With these seed funds, the memorial scaled and refined operations and successfully welcome more than 400,000 visitors each year and employ 125 full- and part-time staff. The annual revenue is generated by admissions, concessions, and supporter contributions.

About recovery & relationships. Although our operations were significantly impacted by

September 11, 2001 due to our location on a secure pier, we recovered and continue to share our economic engine and staff expertise to help other businesses in the Pearl Harbor Historic complex including USS Arizona Memorial, USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park, Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pacific Aviation Museum - Pearl Harbor, and USS Oklahoma Memorial....and they in turn are returning help and support to us.

The challenge. As presented in HB3381, the Battleship Missouri is in need of it's first industrial renovation and maintenance upgrade since arrival in Hawaii in 1998. These updates can not be performed at the current pier and are unsafe for maintenance staff without the proper equipment. Without industrial renovation and maintenance on the ship, the future integrity of the vessel could be compromised in addition to a well earned reputation as one of Hawaii's top tourist destinations. Without the ship, multiple travel agencies and transportation companies businesses will be impacted. By improving the vessel, popular programs for those local and national guests, students, military personnel, and clients will continue.

The request. The industrial renovation effort is significant and will require diverse funding sources to be successful. Some supporters want to see a commitment from the city, state, and federal resources before investing their additional time into volunteer services or their additional funds for programs that are dependent upon a successful renovation & maintenance efforts.

This is a request and offer of support is to help commit my tax dollars, through bill HB3381, to preserve a national icon and incomparable educational and outreach tool for current & future generations of tourists, students, veterans, military personnel, and supporters.

Sincerely,

Sarah Tenney

Vice President of Development

USS Missouri Memorial Association

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**From:** Paul Dyson [paulldyson@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 02, 2008 9:04 AM  
**To:** TACtestimony  
**Cc:** sarah.tenney@ussmissouri.org  
**Subject:** Support for HB3381

Aloha,

I'm the VP of Sales and Marketing for the Battleship Missouri and I'd want to express my support HB 3381 requesting the State of Hawaii to provide funds to the Battleship Missouri Memorial to help fund repairs and restoration work.

I've worked at the Battleship for one and one-half years and during that time I've seen the difference the memorial has made to the people who have visited her. I've had the honor of meeting men who served on her during each of her campaigns and men who were on board for the signing of the surrender documents ending World War II. I've also seen tears on the faces of people as they learn of the sacrifices made by the men who served our country during that war. The USS Arizona Memorial symbolizes the tragedy that brought America into the war. The Battleship Missouri Memorial symbolizes the end of the war not only for America, but also for the whole world.

I've worked in the tourist industry in Hawaii for over fifteen years. The Missouri is unique in that fully half its 400,000 annual visitors have already made their plans to visit her before they left home. As such, the Missouri plays a vital part in bringing visitors to Hawaii and supporting our number one industry.

Every year the Missouri hosts a large number of school and youth groups, many of these from Hawaii. To them we keep our state and national history alive so the sacrifices of our heroes from the past are not forgotten by our children.

I support the use of my tax dollars to repair and maintain this memorial for current and future generations.

Sincerely,

Paul Dyson

VP of Sales and Marketing for the Battleship Missouri Resident of Hawaii

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**From:** Neil Yamamoto [neily@ussmissouri.org]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 02, 2008 8:15 AM  
**To:** TACtestimony  
**Cc:** Sarah Tenney  
**Subject:** Testimony Regarding HB3381 Pertaining to Restoration of the USS MISSOURI

To:  
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Joey Manahan, Vice-Chair  
Committee on Tourism & Culture

Date:  
February 3, 2008

Subject:  
HB3381

Aloha Gentlemen:

My name is Neil Yamamoto, and I am a tour supervisor and Encampment Coordinator onboard the USS Missouri. I wish to express my support of HB3381 requesting the State of Hawaii to appropriate funds for a grant for the Battleship Missouri memorial for repairs and restoration work.

As an icon representative of all members of the U.S. Armed Forces, the Battleship Missouri is an American treasure entrusted to the care of the USS Missouri Memorial Association and, by extension, the people of Hawaii.

The restoration work will help to ensure that the USS Missouri remains a fitting tribute "to our nation's legacy of duty, honor, strength, resolve, and sacrifice."

The Battleship Missouri Memorial gives back to the State of Hawaii, serving as an economic engine in Hawaii's visitor industry, welcoming more than 400,000 visitors annually and employing 125 full- and part-time staff.

It is an essential and integral part of the overall Pearl Harbor Historic Site complex, comprised of (in order of being established): USS Arizona Memorial, USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park, Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pacific Aviation Museum – Pearl Harbor, and USS Oklahoma Memorial.

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I am in favor of my tax dollars supporting the Association's mission to preserve a national icon and incomparable educational tool for future generations.

Sincerely,

Neil K. Yamamoto

2/2/2008



Tours Supervisor/Encampment Coordinator  
USS MISSOURI BB-63

"What man is a man who does not make the world better?"

**manahan1-Haylee**

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**From:** Tim and Eve In [eve-timin@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 04, 2008 7:00 AM  
**To:** TACtestimony  
**Subject:** HB3381  
**Importance:** High

To: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Joey Manahan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Tourism & Culture

I support HB3381 requesting the State of Hawaii to appropriate funds for a grant for the Battleship Missouri for repairs and restoration work.

The Battleship Missouri is a major tourist attraction having over 400,000 visitors per year. It also employs 125 full and part time employees. I am in favor of my tax dollars supporting the Missouri's mission to preserve a national icon and an educational tool for generations to come. I am also an employee in the development department on the Battleship Missouri.

Sincerely, Eve Colton In  
Corporate Membership and Member Event Manager  
USS Missouri Memorial Association