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Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair

For Senate Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs on
Monday, January 28, 2008
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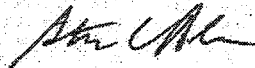
Support of SB 2015, Making an Appropriation for the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

I am a retired Air Force Officer, recently retired Energy Planner in the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and founding donor and a new volunteer at the Museum testifying as a private citizen. I regret that I am not able to testify in person this afternoon, but I strongly support SB 2015, which will appropriate \$1 million for the planning, design, and construction of phase 2 of the Pacific Aviation Museum at Pearl Harbor.

The Legislative findings in Section 1 of the bill show clearly that the Legislature understands the purpose of the Pacific Aviation Museum, the commendable progress represented by Phase I, and the value of the Museum's education program and its role as a tourist attraction. I would like to stress that the educational program, which is being actively promoted to Hawaii's schools, is especially important as it may motivate many students to pursue aviation-related careers.

The findings also note that the Legislature has already provided \$1 million for Phase 2. I sincerely appreciate that major contribution; but, as the findings also report – about \$33 million will be needed to finish the second phase. An important additional benefit of the funds under consideration will be to demonstrate to potential donors that the Museum has the strong backing of the State.

The Pacific Aviation Museum is and will continue to be an important institution. It will attract visitors, educate Hawaii's students, and preserve an important part of Hawaii's and the Nation's history, honoring those who defended our freedom in the skies above the Pacific. I respectfully request that the committee pass SB 2015. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.



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January 26, 2008

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye
The Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
State of Hawaii
Hawaii State Capitol,
Room 201
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Support Senate Bill 2015 – Making an Appropriation for the Pacific Aviation Museum-Pearl Harbor

Dear Senators:

I am Kenneth H. DeHoff, Jr. and I would like to present testimony in support of Senate Bill 2015. I do so representing 3 capacities; as a Purple Heart Vietnam conflict veteran and resident of Hawaii, as a founding donor to the museum, and today as the new executive director of the Pacific Aviation Museum.

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He and I have contributed to the Arizona Memorial and when we discovered this museum project, we contributed financially.

In 1971 we bought property in Hawaii and in 2005 I moved my family here, an environment most conducive to my war injuries. And I began volunteering at the museum. In January 2007, the executive director unexpectedly left. On this past November 1st, the board of directors appointed me to the post.

As you can see I have a unique history with this museum, commitment to its success and interest in the bill before.

The Pacific Aviation Museum presents a living story of aviation history in the Pacific Region, which my family has been, a part of. This museum began in the 1960 with exhibits in the Bishop Museum and then moved to the Honolulu airport. After nearly 40 years of struggle, it has found a permanent home and is becoming what so many

Hawaiian supporters have dreamed of. Today, one year after the grand opening of the first phase Hangar 37, the museum is success.

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My job is to execute our mission, to be a leader in our community and to be a good steward of the financial contributions we receive. The funds asked for in this bill will enhance programs for our community, attract further visitation from tourism and sustain our non-profit role as an employer.

I ask that you to continue to support the Pacific Aviation Museum-Pearl Harbor by enacting this legislation. My family and I thank you for your consideration. The employees of the Pacific Aviation Museum thank you.

Sincerely,

Kenneth H. DeHoff, Jr.

Trina Ishii

From: EGreenia@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, January 26, 2008 5:49 PM
To: All Senators
Subject: SB 2015

Aloha Senators,

I write this email urging you to support SB 2015, which *will appropriate \$1,000,000 for the planning, design, and construction of phase 2 of the Pacific Aviation Museum at Pearl Harbor.*

The museum is truly a treasure for the nation and our state.

Sincerely,

*Earl Greenia
Kailua-Kona*

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

January 27, 2008

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

I am Yoshie Tanabe, a citizen of Hawaii.

On January 11, 2008, my husband Jim and I visited the Pacific Air Museum. After watching a brief film we were ushered into the display area and to the left was the remains of the Zero, which crash-landed on Niihau. The picture of the pilot, Shigenori Nishikaichi, and the picture of one of his rescuers, Mr. Yoshio Harada, accompanies the display.

The story written in large letters include these words:

- 1) "...Nishikaichi was **aided** by Mr. Harada...."
- 2) "Yoshio Harada, a Japanese laborer who **conspired** with Nishikaichi to overthrow the island...."
- 3) "...one of the aircraft's guns, which Nishikaichi **and Harada** used during **their** siege...."

There is also a handout titled Aviators Flight Log Book which states (page 2): "The consequences of the events leading to his, (Nishikaichi's) death led to the eventual internment of Japanese-Americans in Hawaii and the West Coast of the United States."

These are conjectures and unproven. The author of The Niihau Incident, Mr. Alan Beekman, admits that he could never get a definitive answer from Mr. Harada's widow, Umeno Harada, about what was in her husband's mind as far as motives for helping the pilot. Professor Patsy Sumie Saiki, author of Ganbare, states the pilot spoke with them one evening thusly, "...I want to thank you for you have been my friend, even though you know I'm the enemy." Mr. Beekman and Prof. Saiki wrote their stories after interviews with Mrs. Harada.

What are not conjectures and not unproven are the report of the studies begun in 1982 by the Congressional Commission which concluded that the root causes of the Internment was "race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership" which led to the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 which was signed by President Ronald Reagan. This resulted in the presidential apology and \$20,000 monetary redress payments to the survivors of the Internment!

I am all for the granting of the one million dollars to the Pacific Aviation Museum but only after the Museum leaders agree to a meeting with the following willing persons: Professors Geoff White, Jon Okamura, David Swift, Dennis Ogawa, and Mr. Tom Coffman to get the Niihau story corrected.

Sincerely,
Yoshie Tanabe
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Trina Ishii

From: Henry Bruckner [acrobat@pixi.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2008 2:40 PM

To: Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye

Subject: Support Senate Bill 2015 Making an Appropriation for the Pacific Aviation Museum-Pearl Harbor

Ref: Senate Bill 2015

Hearing Before Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee, 28 Jan 2008

Dear Senator Inouye,

The Pacific Aviation Museum provides a unique, informative and important experience to visitors to Hawai'i, and fills a prior void in the Pearl Harbor area visitor attractions by focusing on the vital role aviation has played in our history throughout the Pacific. It appeals to visitors of all ages and nationalities. Off to an excellent start, the Pacific Aviation Museum has thrilled over 100,000 visitors since it's opening just over a year ago by dramatically presenting significant artifacts in a rich and thoughtful historical context. But the Pacific Aviation Museum is far from complete.

Continued development and expansion of the museum is vital to increase its attractiveness as a tourist/visitor destination in its own right as well as add to the overall Pearl Harbor experience. As its international reputation grows, so too will its ability to draw visitors to Hawai'i. The museum has been extremely popular with veterans from throughout the Pacific and especially the U.S. mainland, and this will only increase as the museum expands its coverage of the entire history of military aviation in the region, going beyond World War II. Every visitor drawn to Hawai'i by the museum contributes a significant economic benefit to the state.

Military aviation has and will continue to play a crucial role in the Pacific region and for the security of our nation. The Pacific Aviation Museum seeks to preserve and present this history. The funding sought in Senate Bill 2015 for the museum will greatly help it meet its lofty purpose and demonstrate community support for this worthy project.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Respectfully,

Henry P. Bruckner, LtCol USAF (Ret)
Kaimana Aviation
Honolulu, HI

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Trina Ishii

From: Daul, Carol I Mrs DoD Ben [carol.i.daul@us.army.mil]
ent: Monday, January 28, 2008 8:34 AM
ro: All Senators
Subject: Support for SB 2015

Dear Senators,

I am Carol Daul, Deputy Commander of Cadets, US Civil Air Patrol, Wheeler Composite Squadron, Hawaii Wing.

I am writing to encourage you to support the bill SB 2015 regarding the Pacific Aviation Museum.

This is a very important program which preserves a very important part of the history of our great nation, providing educational experiences for our present young generation and for generations to come!

Please vote positively to assist with the foundational funding of this great venture!

Sincerely,

Carol Daul, DCC
US Civil Air Patrol,
Wheeler Composite Squadron
Hawaii Wing

Trina Ishii

From: LES WARD [ljward13@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2008 7:35 AM
To: All Senators
Subject: SB 2015

My Dear Senators,

Please Support SB2015.
Thank you very Much

Les Ward
Kalaheo, Kauai

Trina Ishii

From: Ken DeHoff [khdehoff@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 26, 2008 1:40 PM
To: IGMtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Cc: Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye
Subject: Support Senate Bill 2351 – Making an Appropriation for the Pacific Aviation Museum-Pearl Harbor
Attachments: sb 2015.doc

To the:

Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee

Senate Bill 2015

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Room 229

Time: 1:15PM

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Cheers,

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2015
A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PACIFIC
AVIATION MUSEUM PEARL HARBOR

PRESENTATION TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT G. F. LEE
ADJUTANT GENERAL
January 28, 2008

Chair Inouye and Committee Members:

I am Major General Robert G. F. Lee, State Adjutant General. I am testifying on Senate Bill 2015. This bill makes an appropriation for the Pacific Aviation Museum at Pearl Harbor to start Phase 2 of the museum.

The department supports the intent of this measure as long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget Request.

Chair Inouye, this concludes my testimony. Are there any questions?



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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008
1:15 P.M. IN ROOM 229

Re: SB 2015 RELATING TO MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PACIFIC AVIATION MUSEUM
PEARL HARBOR

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Charlie Ota and I am the Vice President of the Military Affairs Department of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. The Department oversees the Military Affairs Council (MAC) which serves as a liaison seeking solutions to issues of common concern to the military, private sector, and state.

The MAC submits testimony in support of Senate Bill 2015, Making an Appropriation for the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, which proposes to donate \$1 million to further support the planning, designing, and construction of Phase 2 of the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

The completion of Phase 1 of this museum was the beginning of completing the national landmarks at Pearl Harbor commemorating the attack on Pearl Harbor and US involvement in the wars in the Pacific. Included are the USS Arizona Memorial, the USS Bowfin and Pacific Submarine Museum on the shores of Pearl Harbor, and the USS Missouri Memorial, USS Oklahoma Memorial, and the Pacific Aviation Museum on Pearl Harbor's Ford Island. These commemorative landmarks provide a collection of historic memorabilia and artifacts that chronicle the start of, battles fought, and ending of World War II.

Phase 2 of this museum will add military aviation history beyond World War 2 in the Pacific. This will include the Korean War and Vietnam War and pave the way for Phase 3 to complete the project. When completed, the Pacific Aviation Museum will become one of the leading visitor attractions in Hawaii and serve to educate future generations in the historic rise of military aviation in Hawaii and the Pacific.

In light of the above, the MAC strongly recommends approval of SB 2015 as written.