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**LATE TESTIMONY**

**The Senate  
Joint Hearing**

**Committee on Health  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair**

**Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs  
Senator Will Espero, Chair  
Senator Robert Bunda, Vice Chair**

February 17, 2009  
3:30 PM.  
Conference Room 229  
Hawaii State Capitol

**SB 1212 RELATING TO VETERANS**

*Transfers Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home from department of health, Hawaii health systems corporation, to department of defense, office of veterans' services*

By Thomas M. Driskill, Jr.  
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 1212 relating to the Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home. HHSC opposes the transfer of The Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home to the State of Hawaii Department of Defense.

HHSC thinks that this program is appropriately placed in the state's safety net system of healthcare that is comprised of five regions in Hawaii, Kauai, Maui and Oahu and that Veterans throughout the state would be best served with the program's healthcare system management and operations. HHSC is committed to providing best access to quality healthcare to Veterans at this facility and would be happy to work cooperatively with the Department of Defense, Office of Veterans Services regarding any concerns and interests in serving veterans.

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