
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the story of the
2 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team (RCT) is
3 linked to Hawaii as well as the rest of United States. It is a
4 story of Americans who went to war to prove their loyalty and to
5 overcome prejudice, a story of honor and sacrifice. It is also
6 a story in danger of being lost for generations to come.

7 The legislature further finds that a proposed Legacy Center
8 for the 100th/442nd RCT would promote the story of the
9 100th/442nd RCT and preserve a mounting collection of historical
10 material including photographs, letters, documents,
11 publications, artifacts, audio-visual material, and wartime
12 memorabilia. The Center would also serve as a focus for the
13 presentation of the archived materials as an educational
14 resource facility for students, teachers, researchers, authors,
15 and the general public.

16 The Center would include a library for study and research
17 and the housing of the veterans' oral history program;
18 classrooms for study, lectures, and audio-visual presentations;



1 and a visual exhibit space. In addition, the Center is
2 envisioned as a gathering place where people can go in honor of
3 those who served in the 110th/442nd RCT.

4 The legislature further finds that the proposed location
5 for the Center is on the slopes of Diamond Head, adjacent to the
6 Kapiolani community college campus. Located at the corner of
7 Diamond Head road and Makapuu avenue, the property is owned by
8 the State of Hawaii, under the control and management of the
9 department of land and natural resources. The parcel is part of
10 tax map key: 3-1-042:020. The total area is seven acres, of
11 which approximately four acres was set aside in 1999 for use by
12 the University of Hawaii Kapiolani community college through
13 Executive Order No. 3791. The balance of the parcel is
14 presently used by the State for storage and maintenance of
15 vehicles.

16 The purpose of this Act is to create a task force under the
17 Kapiolani Community College to study the feasibility of
18 transferring 1.5 acres of land adjacent to the approximately
19 3.993 acres of land set aside by Executive Order No. 3791, to
20 the University of Hawaii Kapiolani community college, for a
21 proposed Legacy Center for the 100th/442nd RCT.



1 SECTION 2. (a) There is created a task force under the
2 University of Hawaii Kapiolani community college to conduct a
3 feasibility study of the transfer of approximately 1.5 acres of
4 land adjacent to land set aside for use by the University of
5 Hawaii Kapiolani community college through Executive Order No.
6 3791 and currently under the jurisdiction of the department of
7 land and natural resources to establish a proposed legacy center
8 for the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team,
9 as described in section 1 of this Act.

10 (b) Members of the task force shall include
11 representatives of the University of Hawaii Kapiolani community
12 college, department of land and natural resources, the 100th
13 Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team, relevant
14 neighborhood boards, and affected community stakeholders. Each
15 entity shall select one representative to serve on the task
16 force.

17 (c) The task force shall study the issues concerning the
18 transfer of lands described under section 1 of this Act,
19 including:

20 (1) The effects of the construction, operation, or
21 maintenance of the legacy center on the existing
22 subsurface water tunnel that is owned by the Honolulu



- 1 board of water supply and located below the department
2 of land and natural resources' state parks baseyard;
- 3 (2) Land transfer issues concerning title and any leases;
4 (3) Zoning and land classification issues;
5 (4) Costs to the department of land and natural resources
6 to relocate its state parks baseyard from the subject
7 property;
- 8 (5) Alternative sites for the Legacy Center, including
9 other community college campuses; and
- 10 (6) The possibility of sharing the use of the property
11 between the department of land and natural resources
12 and the University of Hawaii Kapiolani community
13 college.
- 14 (d) The task force shall report its findings and
15 recommendations to the legislature no later than twenty days
16 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2012.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Public Lands; University of Hawaii; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Legacy Center

Description:

Creates a task force under the University of Hawaii Kapiolani community college to conduct a study of the feasibility of transferring the lands currently under the jurisdiction of the department of land and natural resources to the University of Hawaii Kapiolani community college for a legacy center for the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team. Report to legislature. (SD1)

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