
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 is linked
3 to Hawaii as well as the rest of United States. It is a story
4 of Americans who went to war proving their loyalty and
5 overcoming prejudice. It is a story of honor and sacrifice. It
6 is also a story in danger of being lost for future generations.

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

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



1 space. In addition, the center is envisioned as a gathering
2 place where people can go to honor those who served in the
3 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team.

4 The legislature further finds that the proposed location
5 for the center is on the slopes of Diamond Head, adjacent to the
6 University of Hawaii Kapiolani community college campus, located
7 at the corner of Diamond Head road and Makapuu avenue. The
8 property is owned by the State of Hawaii, under the control and
9 management of the department of land and natural resources, and
10 is part of the Diamond Head state monument. The parcel is part
11 of tax map key (1) 3-1-042:020. The total area is seven acres,
12 of which approximately four acres were set aside in 1999 for use
13 by the University of Hawaii Kapiolani community college through
14 Executive Order No. 3791. The balance of the parcel was not
15 included in Executive Order 3791 and is under the jurisdiction
16 of the department of land and natural resources and is the
17 division of state parks, Oahu district, baseyard and office.

18 The purpose of this Act is to create a task force under the
19 University of Hawaii Kapiolani community college to study the
20 feasibility of transferring the one and a half acres of land
21 adjacent to the approximately 3.993 acres of land set aside by
22 Executive Order No. 3791, to the University of Hawaii Kapiolani



1 community college, for the creation of a legacy center for the
2 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team.

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

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

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

22 (1) Land transfer issues concerning title and any leases;



1 (2) Zoning and land classification issues; and
2 (3) Alternative sites for the legacy center, including a
3 portion of the approximately 7.88 acres of the former
4 Cannon Club, identified as tax map key number (1) 3-1-
5 42:011, which is currently leased to the University of
6 Hawaii and identified for addition to the Diamond Head
7 State Monument under Executive Order No. 3918.

8 (d) The task force shall report its findings and
9 recommendations to the legislature no later than twenty days
10 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2012.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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. (SB1215 HD1)

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