

LATE TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY OF KU`UHAKU PARK
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND AND OCEAN RESOURCES
ON FEBRUARY 11, 2011
REGARDING HB1622

Chair Chang and committee members,

I am Ku`uhaku Park, a member of the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation, testifying in strong support of HB1622.

First of all, let me say that the Foundation is extremely grateful for the legislature's support over the last year. We look forward to continue our productive working relationship with the legislature and the administration in order to erect a memorial fitting of our fallen heroes.

HB1622 simply puts into statute the resolution passed by the legislature last year, allowing for a site within the Capitol District to be used expressly to construct the memorial on.

In the resolution from the 2010 legislature, the site of the memorial was identified as being on the grounds of the state capitol. Since then, we have had meetings with the Department of Accounting and General Services about a specific location. After being educated by DAGS regarding the limitations and historic significance of the capitol grounds, we came to an agreement to erect the memorial on a space behind the Kalanimoku building and out of the sightlines from the capitol building.

The only change in the substantive language from the resolution to this bill is addressing the location from "on the grounds of the State Capitol" to the Capitol District.

We humbly ask for you support of HB1622.