

SB1215



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs  
and  
Senate Committee on Education  
February 9, 2011 at 1:15 p.m.

by  
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SB 1215 RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS

Chairs Espero and Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committees:

SB 1215 transfers 1.5 acres adjacent to the approximately 3.993 acres set aside by Executive Order No. 3791, to the University of Hawai'i Kapi'olani Community College, for a proposed Legacy Center for the 100th/442nd RCT.

Kapi'olani Community College is very supportive of the efforts to create a Legacy Center for the 442nd regiment. We have worked with the Sons and Daughters of the 442nd in the past on developing public exhibitions and on-line materials related to the history of the 442nd. We hope to continue working with them wherever the ultimate site for the center is located.

While the land across from the campus could be ideal, at this time the possibility of UH acquiring that land has not been discussed with the UH Board of Regents or with Department of Land and Natural Resources. Should the Legislature wish us to enter into such discussions, we would be happy to do so.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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## LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

**Testimony of  
William Thompson,  
President  
442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team Veterans Club**

**Before the Senate Committees on:  
Education  
and  
Public Safety, Government Operations & Military Affairs**

**Wednesday, February 9, 2011  
1:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 1215  
Related To Public Lands**

Senate Bill No. 1215 proposes to set aside approximately 1.5 acres of land for a new Legacy Center for the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team. Part of this property is currently set aside through Executive Order for use by the University of Hawaii Kapiolani Community College.

The 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> RCT wishes to create a new facility which will promote the legacy of the Nisei veterans. It is envisioned that the facility will be associated with the Kapiolani Community College, to be used as a learning center, for students, faculty, and the general public. It will be a gathering place to commemorate those who served our country. It will preserve, present and perpetuate the story of the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> RCT, a part of the history of Hawaii.

The land is currently being used as a baseyard for the State Parks Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. The area of the baseyard is approximately 3.5 acres. It is hoped that the land can accommodate both the State Parks Division and the Legacy Center.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our vision with you.