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SB414 - RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION.

Chair Josh Green M.D., Vice Chair Clarence K. Nishihara, and Members of the Committee:

Aloha, my name is Keith Ribbentrop. I am a Big Island Resident, retired from the United States Air Force, disabled combat Veteran, and recently retired from Hawaii Health Systems Corp. where I served as the Hawaii State Veterans Home Liaison Officer at the Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home (Home). I would like to voice a serious concern pertaining to the Home; it is the first and only State Veterans Home in Hawaii. The Home is presently part of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation's real property. It was constructed in partnership with matching funds from a grant provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), which in part says that for 20 years the dedicated use of the Home must be exclusively for Hawaii State Veterans and their spouses.

My concern is that there has not been sufficient investigation to ascertain how the VA would view or what actions it would take in response to a mortgage placed on a facility that the VA recently provided 60% funding to construct.

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