

SB2678

Dear Senators Espero, Fukunaga, Gabbard, Ige, Kidani, Dela Cruz, Slom:

Thank you for allowing me to testify on behalf of funding to be used by the DNLR for the Honouliuli internment site.

Because I believe that when the internment site is restored, it will be wisely used to remind all who visit the site the terrible mistake our country made back on February of 1942 when then President Roosevelt declared EO9066 as explained so well in SB2678.

If the \$100,000 or more were going to be used to merely restore the Honouliuli site as a showcase for tourists, I would ask you not to pass this Bill. But I have watched people like Jane Kurahara, Betsy Young and the young people of the University of Hawaii, West and others, work so hard not only to physically restore the site--they have for years worked on researching that terrible time in our country's history and have written study curricula (I think that's the plural for "curriculum") to be used in our schools. That is my primary reason for testifying today--because I believe what the great philosopher Santayana said, "They who forget history are doomed to repeat it."

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

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