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**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Thursday, February 21, 2013
1:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1396, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE JAPANESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN HAWAII**

House Bill 1396, House Draft 1 proposes to make an unspecified appropriation to the Department of Land and Natural Resource (Department) of for planning, design and construction of a center in West Oahu that would incorporate a Nisei Veterans Legacy Center and a Honouliuli Internment Camp Educational Center. Matching funds must be secured prior to the release of the appropriation. The Department has the following comments.

Act 235, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, set forth the following:

1. Require the Department to establish a seven-member Honouliuli park site project advisory group to develop recommendations to leverage funding for an educational resource center at the Honouliuli site;
2. Require the advisory group to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2013 on its progress and the status of designating the site as part of the United States National Park Service (NPS); and
3. Appropriate funds from the Hawaii Historic Preservation Special Fund for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 to fund the advisory group established pursuant to this Act.

The Group first convened in October and has met four times, including a site visit to the Internment Camp. Approximately \$52,000 is being used to match a Preserve America Grant to develop a high school teachers guide and curriculum materials to accompany the film, "*The 1800: The Untold Story of the Internment of Japanese in Hawai'i.*" The remaining \$48,000 will be used to hold a visioning meeting/charrette with stakeholders and to develop outreach materials including maps and story boards.

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The Honouliuli Internment site is being studied as a possible NPS park site, and to that end, Monsanto has begun the process of subdividing the Honouliuli parcels. Monsanto plans to transfer the Honouliuli Internment Camp to NPS.

At this point, the Honouliuli Advisory Group is considering possible locations for the education center. Things to consider include infrastructure, access, how to tell the story, and how to relate this story to other Valor in the Pacific sites.

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center is an effort by the sons, daughters and supporters of the Nisei Veterans to preserve and educate the public about the roles and contributions of the Nisei during World War II. Their goal is to open their doors by 2015.

The Department has not had an opportunity to meet with both groups, nor have the groups had an opportunity to meet with each other. However, the Department believes funding for the planning, design and construction of these projects should go directly to each of these groups via grant funds.

The Department suggests that the funding run for five years, rather than for one year with an option to extend the ability to use the funds after five years, and upon a request to the Legislature for an extension.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
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February 21, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
By Gene I. Awakuni
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HB 1396 HD1 – RELATING TO THE JAPANESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN HAWAII

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson and Members of the Committee:

UH West O'ahu supports HB 1396 HD1 as locating the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center in West O'ahu near the University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu would complement academic and research programs offered at the university such as the Center for Labor Education and Research's Labor Archives and the Henry Guigni film collection.

HB1396 HD1 appropriates an unspecified sum of monies, subject to matching funds, for the planning, design, and construction of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center and a Honouliuli Internment Camp Educational Center.

The establishment of a Nisei Veterans Legacy Center would create a facility dedicated to researching, preserving, and interpreting the history of 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and the 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion to develop deeper understandings of their unique place in history. Additionally, the Honouliuli Internment Camp is a major historical site located on property currently owned by Monsanto in West O'ahu. The United States National Park Service, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu, the State of Hawai'i, Monsanto, and other stakeholders are working to preserve the history and share the legacy of Americans of Japanese ancestry who were detained in these internment camps during World War II.

UH West O'ahu supports HB 1396 HD1 provided its passage does not compete with other priorities in the University's budget.

Nisei Veterans Legacy Center, Inc.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Wish Figure: \$11 Million

Case for Support

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I. VISION, MISSION AND HISTORY

Nisei Veterans Legacy Center (NVLC), incorporated in February 2012, is a non-profit organization. It is awaiting recognition as an organization exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Its fiscal intermediary is the 442nd Veterans Foundation, a 501c3 organization.

Vision:

The vision of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center is to create a learning center complex dedicated to researching, preserving and interpreting the materials of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service and the 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion at the University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu campus in order to develop a deeper understanding in society of the unique military histories of these units, which are themselves part of Hawaiian, American and global histories, and of the social results and implications of their wartime sacrifices.

Mission:

The mission of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center is to preserve, perpetuate and share the legacy of the Americans of Japanese Ancestry who served in the U.S. armed forces in World War II. It will do so through research and educational programs, outreach efforts and public displays supported by the collaborative effort of the veteran organizations of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service and the 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion.

History:

A long-held hope for many of Hawaii's nisei soldiers who served World War II was to build a center that preserves the memorabilia, notes, recollections and unique history of *all* Americans of Japanese ancestry (AJA) who served in World War II. Regardless of which famed unit in which they may have served, these American heroes' children, admirers and community scholars wished to put together the soldiers' stories so that the courage, integrity and patriotism of these men and their families during that war should never be forgotten, so that this legacy of heroism and honor should benefit future generations of all Americans.

One of these children, Wes Deguchi, had the typical experience of never hearing of his father Yasunori Deguchi's exploits in war. The senior Deguchi volunteered at age 18 and became a member of the regaled 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Second Battalion, Fox Company. After the war, Technical Sergeant Deguchi told no war stories to his son but instead provided the quiet examples to him of loyalty to his employer Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union, hard physical work on a five-acre coffee farm, understatement, a sense of humor and genuine humility.

In 2008, Wes Deguchi joined the Sons and Daughters of the 442nd, a chapter of the 442nd Veterans Club. Its then president, Bill Thompson, asked the group to study the possibility of planning a facility that would properly preserve the artifacts and memorabilia of the 442nd. Focusing on an educational imperative, the group evolved the concept of joining the four major Nisei veterans groups of World War II after hearing counsel from representatives of the University of Hawaii's Kapiolani Community College.

In 2009, Deguchi became the group's president. In the three years following, he brought together the four principal AJA units of World War II, the 100th Infantry Battalion (100th), the 442nd Regimental Combat Team (442nd), the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) and the 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion (1399th) and led the groups toward establishing a fixed facility and educational programs designed to be shared with the entire community, located on the campus of the University of Hawaii's West Oahu Campus.

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center (NVLC) is now working to solidify this vision. The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center is committed to ensuring that the service and sacrifices of the Nisei veterans will not be forgotten. The Center will provide for the preservation of individual stories, historic articles and items for research and educational purposes, and programs to educate students, families and special groups to be provided throughout the year.

NVLC is located at 933 Wiliwili Street in Honolulu. Mailing address: 933 Wiliwili Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96826. Phone: (808) 949-7997. The NVLC website is currently under construction.

II. PROGRAMS

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center will collect, inventory, catalog and organize the materials from which to interpret the story and the legacy of the Nisei soldiers of World War II who fought sacrificially against fascist enemies on the European and Pacific battlefields while fighting distrust, racial prejudice and discrimination at home. Partnered with the University of Hawaii at West Oahu, NVLC programs will critically explore the concepts of “race,” “loyalty,” “citizenship,” and “Americanism” against the backdrop of martial law, internment, and the fragility of civil liberties and civil rights. Its programs will explore how those battlefield experiences and sacrifices may have contributed to political leadership, social movements and social transformations in both Hawai‘i and the continental United States, and the country’s continuing quest for social justice.

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center will complement other academic and research units at the University of Hawaii at West Oahu, such as the Center for Labor, Education and Research’s Labor Archives, and the Henry Guigni film collection. It would also house the proposed Center for Democratic Principles and Social Justice as the ongoing multi-disciplinary research on Honouliuli and the internment and prisoner of war (POW) camp experience in Hawai‘i continues. As Honouliuli is designated a National Historic Site, the association provides opportunities to further expand educational programs in historical and forensic archaeology, the sociology of ethnic diversity, museum studies, interpretative history and edu-tourism. The partnership would further support the collaborative work with the National Park Service, the World War II Valor in the Pacific Monument, and various community agencies. Finally, these programs would provide students opportunities to pursue the already approved Certificate Program in Democratic Principles and Social Justice, and opportunities for Service Learning locally and in other locales throughout the Pacific.

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center’s educational programs will utilize the archives, located on the second floor, as a living research entity. Professional archivists and student assistants, housed in appropriate office space, will staff the archives and coordinate volunteers. The Resource Center, located on the ground floor, will be multi-purposed to serve as a center for receiving and orienting visitors, a display area for selective artifacts, permanent and revolving interpretive exhibits, and will include a reading room for visiting researchers.

The flexible/expandable multi-purposed classrooms would be used to teach courses in history, sociology, historic preservation, indigenous studies, political science, social justice studies, etc. in support of the Certificate Program *Democratic Principles and Social Justice*, for docent training for visitors to the Honouliuli and other confinement sites in Hawai‘i, as well as to host larger public events such as lectures, performances and film showings.

The offices of the half-time Director for the Center for the Study of Democratic Principles and Social Justice would be located in the facility, as well as those of the 1.5 FTE archivists and information technology staff who, with the assistance of student employees and interns as well as Service Learning students, would produce both physical and digital interpretive displays using the archived materials, multi-media projects such as film/video, performance art backdrops, prepare community presentations, etc.

III. PROBLEM AND OPPORTUNITY

The loss of thousands of American sons, fathers and brothers during World War II was an immeasurable privation for many American families of Japanese ancestry. Yet those sacrifices paid for honorable passage and acceptance of the entire Japanese American citizenry in American society during and after the war. With the fading of that generation, NVLC leaders are aware of the danger that the country may forget the lessons learned during that difficult time. Already, grandchildren of the veterans themselves are unaware or unconcerned about the social and economic trauma their grandparents faced less than two generations ago because of their country's confusion between ethnicity and nationality.

Recent events in American history underline the need to remember and learn from the past. Today, nearly a decade after the September 11 attacks, American Muslims continue to face a rising tide of discrimination in U.S. communities, workplaces and schools and evidence of growing anti-Muslim bigotry was aired at Senate Judiciary subcommittee hearings as recently as 2011. According to witness testimony, this national problem is compounded by remarks by public officials and others in prominent positions that have inflamed negative public opinion toward Muslims and threatened to facilitate, not mitigate, further discrimination.

“We continue to solicit and receive the support of many Muslim Americans who love this nation and work with our government to protect it,” said Democratic Senator Dick Durbin, who chaired the proceedings. Durbin said that many law-abiding Muslim Americans face discrimination and charges that they're not real Americans simply because of their religion or appearance.

The NVLC strategic plan calls for the construction of a facility that will house educational programs and resources that will keep the legacy of the Nisei veterans pertinent for all Americans. This call is even more urgent and a priority as the last of the surviving Nisei veterans is lost in these next few years.

Before the impact of the living Nisei veteran is lessened with the passing of the veterans themselves and their most immediate generation, the programs and facility to commemorate and record the Nisei veteran experience in World War II must be completed. Memories of wartime domestic economic injustice, pain and prejudice of the Japanese American community are already fading with the passing of the veteran generation.

Nisei Veterans Legacy Center is the organization in Hawaii that can address identified issues through education of the current generation.

Project Scope:

A two-story facility of approximately 18,000 square feet, the building will contain classrooms, meeting space and a large multi-function area for educational forums and presentations. Special features honoring the famed Nisei units will be incorporated into the building design.

On the ground floor, a 5,000 square-foot multi-function room will comfortably seat 250 for a dinner function. The space will be supported by a large commercial kitchen. In addition, a resource center and library will be available for research on the service of Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II, contributions of Americans of Japanese ancestry to post-war Hawaii, civil rights issues and other related topics. Besides documents, it will also house the collection of video and audio interviews of hundreds of Nisei veterans. The NVLC administrative and program offices will be located in the library. Throughout the floor, wall murals, display areas, artwork and banners will be used to tell the story of the Nisei veteran throughout the area, creating a visual learning environment.

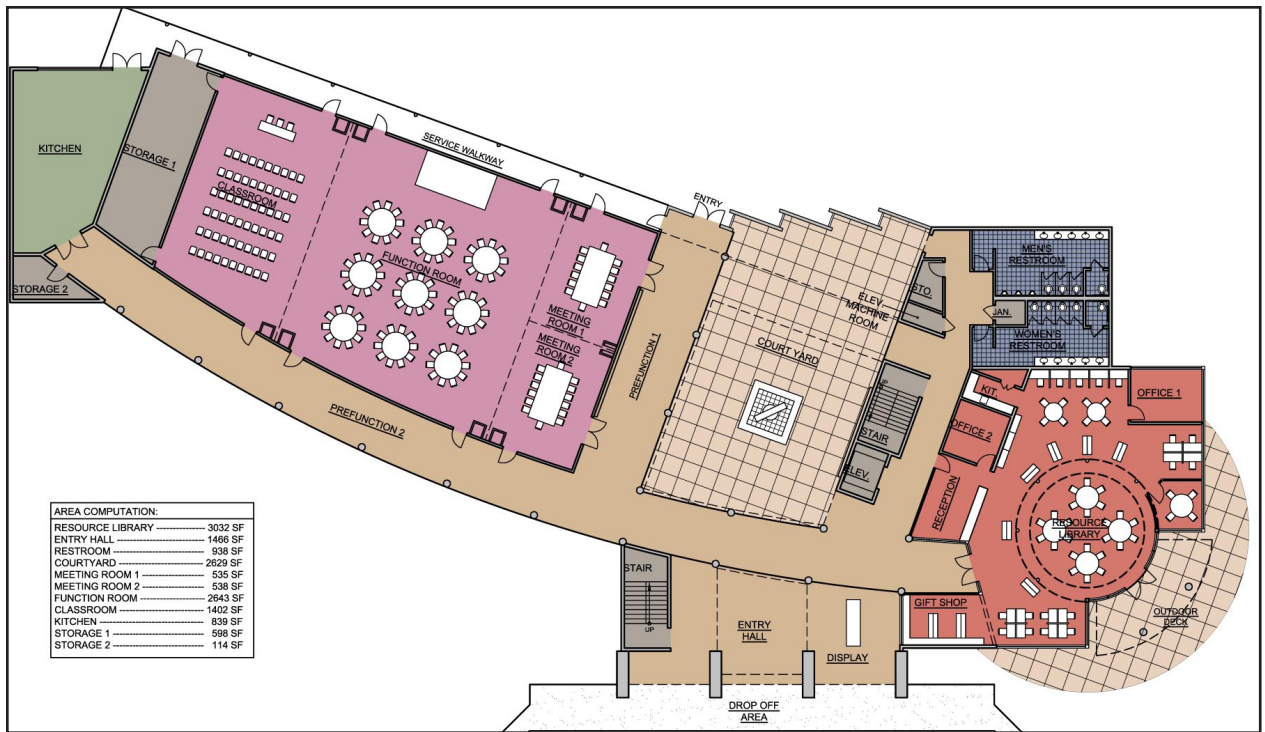
Archives, catalogues and storage of primary source materials related to Nisei service to America during World War II will be located on the second floor. A workshop for sorting, cataloguing and digitizing documents will also be located here. A large exhibit area will be used to display memorabilia and artifacts.

The facility will be constructed on a one-acre parcel leased for 55 years from the University of Hawaii at West Oahu. Association with the University of Hawaii will allow for the efficient sharing of resources and facilities.

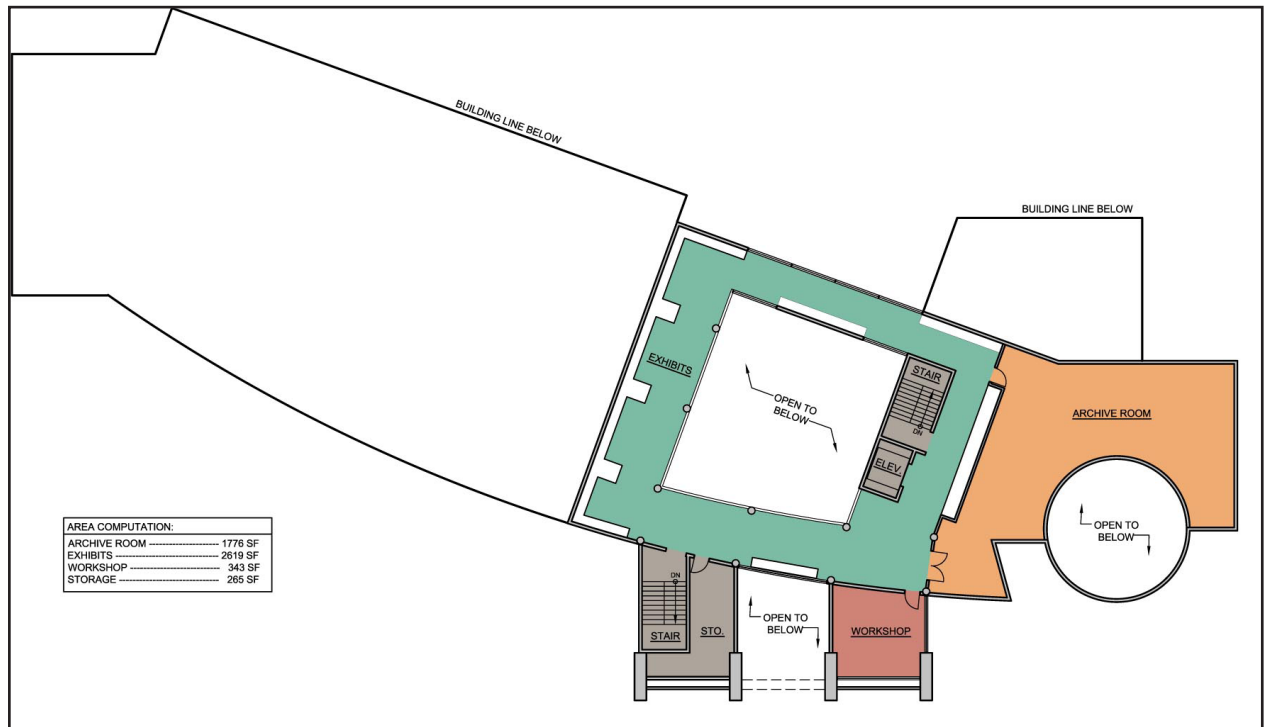
Building views:



Artist rendering front entry view



Artist rendering first floor



Artist rendering second floor

Project Cost:

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| Land Acquisition | \$ | 0 |
| Site Prep | | 700,000 |
| A and E Fees | | 500,000 |
| Construction & Construction Management | | 7,800,000 |
| Misc. Fees | | — |
| FF & E | | 800,000 |
| Contingency | | 700,000 (10%) |
| Fundraising | | TBD |
| Interest Expense | | TBD |
| Total Project Cost | | <u>\$10,500,000</u> |

\$5,500,000 is needed in private philanthropic funding in addition to \$5,000,000 in state and federal grants to construct the facility. In addition, will create a permanent maintenance endowment of at least \$500,000 for the facility.

IV. OTHER AGENCIES

| ORGANIZATION NAME | CONTACT | | WEBSITE |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Club | Pauline Sato | Honolulu, HI | www.100tbattalion.org |
| 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Legacy Organization | Jimmy Nakantani | Honolulu, HI | www.100thlegacy.org |
| 100/442 Veterans Association | Laura Shigemitsu | Los Angeles, CA | |
| 442nd Veterans Club | Bill Thompson | Honolulu, HI | www.442.us.com |
| 442nd Sons and Daughters | Wes Deguchi | Honolulu, HI | www.442sd.com |
| 1399 Engineer Construction | Tsutomu Oi | Honolulu, HI | |
| Chicago Nisei Post #1183 American Legion | Howard Hieshima | Chicago, IL | www.jasc-chicago.org |
| Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans | Lawson Sakai | Morgan Hill, CA | www.ffnv.org |
| Go For Broke Association | Jimmy Kuroiwa | Honolulu, HI | |
| Go For Broke National Education Center | Don Nose | Torrance, CA | www.GoForBroke.org |
| Houston JACL | Gary Nakamura | Houston, TX | www.jacl-houston.org |
| Japanese American Association of New York | Gary Moriwaki | New York, NY | www.jaany.org |
| Japanese American National Museum | Nancy Araki | Los Angeles, CA | www.janm.org |
| Japanese American Veterans Association | Terry Shima, Grant Ichikawa | Gaithersburg, MD | www.javadc.org |
| Japanese American Veterans of Minnesota | Edwin Nakasone | White Bear Lake, MN | |
| MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii | Ed Hamasu | Honolulu, HI | www.njahs.org/misnorcal/index.htm |
| MIS Club of Southern California | Cathy Tanaka | Los Angeles, CA | www.njahs.org/misnorcal/index.htm |
| National JACL | Frank Takao | Honolulu, HI | www.jacl.org |
| National Japanese American Historical Society | Rosalyn Tonai | San Francisco, CA | www.njahs.org |
| National Japanese American Memorial Foundation | Craig Uchida | Washington, DC | www.njamf.com |
| National Japanese American Veterans Council | Calvin Ninomiya, Fred Murakami | Vienna, VA | www.veteranscouncil.com |
| Nisei Veterans Coordination Council | Robert Hayamizu | Los Angeles, CA | |
| Nisei Veterans Memorial Center | Hiroshi Arisumi | Kahului, HI | www.nvmc.org |
| Oregon Nikkei Endowment | Mari Watanabe | Portland, OR | www.oregonnikkei.org |
| Oregon Nisei Veterans | Kay Endo | Milwaukie, OR | |
| Pinedale Assembly Center | Dale Ikeda | Pinedale, OR | www.pinedalememorial.org |
| Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee | Yuzo Tokita | Seattle, WA | www.seattlencv.org |

V. FINANCIAL PROFILE

Will be provided upon request.

VI. FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Vision:

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Mission:

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STRATEGY

- 1. Establish NVLC programs intended to provide information and education about the history of the Nisei vets in World War II for University of Hawaii students, other students in other learning institutions in Hawaii and the general public.*
- 2. Build facility in partnership with Hawaii’s higher learning institutions to support its programs with preserved primary historic information such as original documents, photos, artifacts and memorabilia of the Nisei vets in World War II.*
- 3. Expand organizational capacity.*

In the next few years, Nisei Veterans Legacy Center will be functioning within the larger context of a rapidly changing community in terms of economy, demographics, technology, government, culture. Keeping this in mind, the organization will be focusing on the following most urgent areas toward its effort to serve the community:

A. GOVERNANCE

Issues: Recruiting qualified volunteers: does this generation care about ideals such as patriotism, heroism, and values such as integrity? People don't understand the importance of what occurred in World War II regarding the Nisei vets. The farther along the generations go, personal impact upon today's Japanese Americans is forgotten.

Goal: Create infrastructure to recruit, manage and evaluate board.

Objectives:

1. Create board policies
2. Produce board manual
3. Provide board education
4. Increase board membership
5. Populate committees

B. FACILITIES/EQUIPMENT

Issue: Delays push along the timetable and more vets will be lost as time passes.

Goal: Build the facility

Objectives:

1. Complete agreements with University of Hawaii
 - a. Land use
 - b. Maintenance
 - c. Facility usage
 - Classroom usage by UH students
 - Parking lot usage by UH students
 - General community usage for fee
2. Design
 - a. Complete design program and construction documents
3. Construction
 - a. Bidding process
 - b. Construct the facility within budget

C. PROGRAMS

Issues: Questioning patriotism because of skin color or religious background is a current problem. Fear, suspicion and anger is still keenly felt throughout American society regarding this topic.

Goal: Partnership with University of Hawaii

Objectives:

1. Establish local ethnic studies program that focuses on mix of cultures and racial prejudice in Hawaii before and after WWII and how Nisei affected the community
2. Working with Center for Democratic Principles, explore and research democracy and civil rights issues in Hawaii before and after WWII and how Nisei affected the community.
3. Provide and disseminate educational materials and information throughout the nation's educational systems.

D. OPERATIONS/ADMINISTRATION

Issue: Operational funding must be developed.

Goal: Establish staff

Objectives:

1. Hire executive director
2. Hire director of development

E. MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Issue: NVLC will be the organization to carry the social legacy of the founding organizations (442nd, 100th, MIS and 1399th) forward because the veterans groups, which are social organizations, will be gone within a few years.

Goal: Recruit membership throughout Oahu to maintain grassroots mass in order to guard and ensure that the Nisei veterans' legacy continues to contribute to the unity and security of the United States of America.

Objectives:

1. Develop policies
 - a. Organizations
 - b. Individuals
2. Develop fee/benefit structure
3. Market membership

F. FUND/RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Issue: The organization has just recently been incorporated. At present there is no infrastructure, no staff, to operate and to raise capital.

Goal: Develop adequate fundraising infrastructure in order to operate annual development and to conduct a capital campaign for the construction of the facility.

Objectives:

1. Implement prioritized infrastructure recommendations provided by Solid Concepts, Inc.
2. Conduct capital campaign feasibility study
3. Conduct campaign, if indicated
4. Plan earned revenue sources
 - Gift Shop
 - Restaurant
 - Rentals
5. Create/implement annual development plan

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Issue: To be confirmed with feasibility study results, there may be identification problems re: so many Nisei groups; there may be a confusion of identity and mission. Also, there may be a question as to the purposes of the organization beyond building a museum-like facility that will require operational support.

Goal: Educate the community about the purposes of NVLC in order to attract supporters at all levels of society

Objectives:

1. Establish background information, public opinions, etc. through feasibility study
2. Hire communications firm; convey messages, communicate with community
3. Create liaisons with neighbor island and mainland organizations

VII. STATEMENT OF NEED

\$5.5 million is needed in private philanthropic funding in addition to \$5,000,000 in government grants to construct the NVLC facility on the campus of the University of Hawaii at West Oahu. In addition, NVLC will establish a permanent maintenance endowment of at least \$500,000 for the facility.

VIII. CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLAN

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IX. SECURITY, RECOGNITION AND ACCEPTANCE STANDARDS

Security

1. All gifts, whether cash or pledge or in-kind, will be inputted to Nisei Veterans Legacy Center, Inc. (NVLC) donor records on a daily basis and deposited before the end of the banking day if possible. While awaiting deposit, monies will be held in a locked safe or drawer.
2. A check and balance system will be employed at all times in the receipt of donations. Two individuals will always be involved in the process of opening mail and depositing checks. The person who opens mail and posts gifts will not be the same person who deposits checks and closes books at end of the day.

Recognition

1. All gifts to NVLC, no minimum size and from whatever source, will be acknowledged separately by a thank you letter signed by the executive director. The gift acknowledgment process will be initiated no later than 48 hours after receipt of the gift.
2. All members and contributors' names shall be displayed in annual reports for that year. All new contributors shall be displayed in agency newsletter for that period's issue and posted on the organization's website. Passive permission for this display shall be granted to WHC through agreement of a statement to be printed in NVLC thank you correspondence.
3. Top 10 percent annual contributors will belong to NVLC's Major Gifts program and will be personally solicited for major upgraded gifts annually via staff and volunteers and not included in annual mailings for renewal.
4. Full recognition of an annual gift shall be made whether annual gifts are made in full or pledged over the course of a year.
5. Full recognition of a capital gift shall be made whether capital gifts are made in full or pledged over the capital campaign pledge period of 5 years.
6. Donors who contribute the entire annual budget of an operational program of their choice will tagline that program's name for the year.

7. If the irrevocable gift of any restricted contribution is sufficient to perpetually endow a program or service, that program or service shall be named in perpetuity after the donor's preference. If NVLC prefers to discontinue that program for whatever reason in the future, the agency will inform the donor/donor representative of this decision and provide program funding alternatives in similar areas/value.

Acceptance

1. Cash gifts shall be discouraged at all times. Cash gifts received through the mail once discovered shall be recorded and secured immediately with two employees present.
2. Gifts offered which are questionable regarding charitable intent or appropriateness shall first be reviewed by NVLC's Development Committee prior to official acceptance and graciously refused if necessary.
3. Gifts offered with financial or other obligations inherent in them shall be reviewed by NVLC's Development Committee prior to official acceptance and graciously refused if necessary.
4. Gifts of property, stock or other securities shall be accepted only through consensus of the Development Committee after responsible study. After acceptance, they shall immediately be sold.
5. Gifts with conditions attached shall be reviewed by the Development Committee prior to acceptance and may be graciously refused if necessary.
6. Gifts other than cash or check shall be recorded by description only for purposes of acknowledgment. Current market value or estimate thereof for recognition purposes only shall be inserted in files. No appraisal of such gifts shall be made by the organization.
- *7. In accepting all donations, the organization will insure that:
 - a. All donors will be regularly informed of the mission of this organization, of the way this organization intends to use donated resources and of its capacity to use donations effectively for stated purposes.
 - b. All donors will be regularly informed of the identity of those who serve on the board, and may expect that the board will exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship of donations.
 - c. All donors will have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.
 - d. All donors will have the assurance that their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
 - e. All donors will receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.
 - f. All donors will be assured that information about their donations will be handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.

- g. All donors may expect that relationships with employees and volunteers of the organization will be professional in nature.
 - h. All donors will be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.
 - i. All donors have the right to have their names deleted from the mailing list upon request.
 - j. All donors should feel free to ask questions when making a donations and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.
8. Prior to creating a solicitation situation which will result in the acceptance of community support, benefit events and direct mail projects need to be approved by NVLC's Development Committee in light of the event or project's value and appropriateness, with regard to the organization's mission, goals and objectives.

**Donors' Bill of Rights developed by American Association of Fund Raising Counsel, Association for Healthcare Philanthropy, Council for Advancement and Support of Education and National Society of Fund Raising Executives*

A. STANDARDS OF SOLICITATION AND FUND USE POLICIES

Terms:

1. "Solicitation" is any direct or indirect request for money, property, credit, volunteer service or other thing of value, to be given now or on a deferred basis, on the representation that it will be used for charitable, educational, religious, benevolent, patriotic, civic, or other philanthropic purposes. Solicitations include invitations to voting membership and appeals to voting members when a contribution is a principal requirement for membership.
2. "We" and "our" refers to Nisei Veterans Legacy Center. "Solicitor" is anyone engaged in a charitable solicitation for the development of this agency.
3. The "public" includes individuals, groups, associations, corporations, foundations, institutions, and/or government agencies.
4. "Fund raising" includes a charitable solicitation; the activities, representations and materials which are an integral part of the planning, creation, production and communication of the solicitation; and the collection of the money, property, or other thing of value requested. Fund raising includes but is not limited to donor acquisition and renewal, development, fund or resource development, member or membership development, and contract or grant procurement.

Public Accountability

1. We shall provide an annual report to all contributors and to the general public upon request.
The annual report, an annually updated written account, shall present our purposes; descriptions of overall programs, activities and accomplishments; eligibility to receive deductible contributions; information about our governing body and structure; and information about financial activities and financial position.

2. We shall provide on request complete annual financial statements.
The financial statements shall present the overall financial activities and financial position of our organization, shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and reporting practices, and shall include the auditor's or treasurer's report, notes, and any supplementary schedules. When total annual income exceeds \$100,000, the financial statements shall be audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

3. Our financial statements shall present adequate information to serve as a basis for informed decisions. Information needed as a basis for informed decisions generally includes but is not limited to: a) significant categories of contributions and other income; b) expenses reported in categories corresponding to the descriptions of major programs and activities contained in the annual report, solicitations, and other informational materials; c) a detailed schedule of expenses by natural classification (e.g., salaries, employee benefits, occupancy, postage, etc.), presenting the natural expenses incurred for each major program and supporting activity; d) accurate presentation of all fund raising and administrative costs; and e) when a significant activity combines fund raising and one or more other purposes (e.g., door-to-door canvassing combining fund raising and social advocacy, or television broadcasts combining fund raising and religious ministry, or a direct mail campaign combining fund raising and public education), the financial statements shall specify the total cost of the multi-purpose activity and the basis for allocating its costs.

4. If we begin to receive a substantial portion of our income through the fund raising activities of controlled or affiliated entities, we shall provide on request an accounting of all income received by and fund raising costs incurred by such entities.
Such entities include committees, programs, or others which are controlled by or affiliated with our organization, and for which a primary activity is raising funds to support our programs.

Use of Funds

1. A reasonable percentage of total income from all sources shall be applied to programs and activities directly related to the purposes for which we exist.

2. A reasonable percentage of public contributions shall be applied to the programs and activities described in solicitations, in accordance with donor expectations.

3. Total fund raising and administrative costs shall be reasonable.

According to the Council of Better Business Bureaus, Inc., “Reasonable use of funds requires that a) at least 50% of total income from all sources be spent on programs and activities directly related to the organization’s purposes; b) at least 50% of public contributions be spent on the programs and activities described in solicitations, in accordance with donor expectations; c) fund raising costs not exceed 35% of related contributions; and d) total fund raising and administrative costs not exceed 50% of total income. BBB states, “An organization which does not meet one or more of these percentage limitations may provide evidence to demonstrate that its use of funds is reasonable. The higher fund raising and administrative costs of a newly created organization, donor restrictions on the use of funds, exceptional bequests, a stigma associated with a cause, and environmental or political events beyond an organization’s control are among the factors which may result in costs that are reasonable although they do not meet these percentage limitations.”

4. We shall substantiate on request our application of funds, in accordance with donor expectations, to the programs and activities described in solicitations.
5. We shall establish and exercise adequate controls over disbursements.

Solicitations and Informational Materials

1. Solicitations and informational materials, distributed by any means, shall be accurate, truthful and not misleading, both in whole and in part.
2. We shall substantiate on request that solicitations and informational materials, distributed by any means, are accurate, truthful and not misleading, in whole and in part.
3. Solicitations shall include a clear description of the programs and activities for which funds are requested. Solicitations in which time or space restrictions apply shall identify a source from which written information is available.
4. Direct contact solicitations, including personal and telephone appeals, shall identify (a) the solicitor and his/her relationship to our organization, (b) our identity and (c) the programs and activities for which funds are requested.
5. Solicitations in conjunction with the sale of goods, services or admissions shall identify at the point of solicitation (a) our identity, (b) a source from which written information is available and (c) the actual or anticipated portion of the sales or admission price to benefit us.

Fund Raising Practices

1. We shall establish and exercise controls over fund raising activities conducted for our benefit by staff, volunteers, consultants, contractors, and controlled or affiliated entities, including commitment to writing of all fund raising contracts and agreements.
2. We shall establish and exercise adequate controls over contributions.
3. We shall honor donor requests for confidentiality and shall not publicize the identity of donors without prior written or passive permission.
Donor requests for confidentiality include but are not limited to requests that donors' names not to be used, exchanged, rented or sold.
4. Fund raising shall be conducted without excessive pressure.
Excessive pressure in fund raising, includes but is not limited to solicitations in the guise of invoices; harassment; intimidation or coercion, such as threats of public disclosure or economic retaliation; failure to inform recipients of unordered items that they are under no obligation to pay for or return them; and strongly emotional appeals which distort the organization's activities or beneficiaries.
5. Only qualified NVLC staff, volunteers and designated representatives are allowed to solicit support of any kind for NVLC.

Governance

1. We shall have an adequate governing structure.
We shall have and operate in accordance with governing instruments (charter, articles of incorporation, bylaws, etc.) which set forth our basic goals and purposes, and which define the organizational structure. The governing instruments shall define the body having final responsibility for and authority over the organization's policies and programs (including authority to amend the governing instruments), as well as any subordinate bodies to which specific responsibilities may be delegated.

Our governing structure shall be inadequate if any policy-making decisions of the governing body (board) or committee of board members having interim policy-making authority (executive committee) are made by fewer than three persons.

2. We shall have an active independent governing body.

An active governing body (board) exercises responsibility in establishing policies, retaining qualified executive leadership, and overseeing that leadership.

Our board meets formally at least quarterly, with meetings evenly spaced over the course of the year, and with a majority of the members in attendance (in person or by proxy) on average.

Because the public reasonably expects board members to participate personally in policy decisions, the governing body is not active, and a roster of board members may be misleading, if a majority of the board members attend no formal board meetings in person over the course of a year.

Agency Standards adapted from Council of Better Business Bureau's Standards



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February 21, 2013
1:30 p.m.
Conference Room 308

To: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Linda Hamilton Krieger, Chair
and Commissioners of the Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission

Re: H.B. No. 1396, H.D. 1

The Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) has enforcement jurisdiction over state laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and access to state and state-funded services. The HCRC carries out the Hawai‘i constitutional mandate that "no person shall be discriminated against in the exercise of their civil rights because of race, religion, sex or ancestry". Art. I, Sec. 5.

The HCRC supports H.B. No. 1396, H.D.1, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities in the Executive Budget. This bill makes an appropriation to be expended by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to plan, design and construct a Nisei Veterans Legacy Center as well as a Honouliuli Internment Camp education center. The story and legacy of Hawai‘i’s Nisei soldiers is well known, but the history of the Honouliuli is less known.

During WWII, over one thousand Japanese Americans in Hawai‘i were initially detained because of their Japanese ancestry. While most of the detainees were later sent to mainland camps, approximately 300 people were interned in Honouliuli for the duration of the war, without being officially charged for any acts of espionage or sabotage. The Honouliuli internment camp site is thus an important reminder of a time when fear and prejudice overrode the civil rights of a minority group, and the HCRC supports an appropriation for the creation of an education center at the site, preserving the remnants of the internment camp with a memorial.

H.B. No. 1396, H.D.1 appropriates funds for both the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center and the Honouliuli Internment Camp Education Center, to educate future generations about the WWII Japanese American experience, offering more than a celebratory perspective on race, discrimination, and social change in Hawai‘i and the United States. The HCRC supports this measure, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities in the Executive Budget.

Committee on Finances

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair

Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice-Chair

Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice-Chair

From: Jane Kurahara, Staff Associate, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai`i

Hearing on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 1:30 pm

Measure #HB 1396

I am Jane Kurahara, Staff Associate at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai`i, and I am in support of HB 1396 with an amendment indicating a dollar amount. I am in support of the Senate version to make the dollar amount \$500,000 with it being divided accordingly: \$400,000 to the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center and \$100,000 to the Honouliuli Education Center. Thank you very much.



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FROM: Carole Hayashino, President & Executive Director
Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i
Email: hayashino@jcch.com • Phone#: (808) 945-7633 Ext. 23

RE: **Support for HB1396, HD1**
Related to the Japanese American Experience in Hawai'i
Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2013

On behalf of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, I am writing to ask for your support of HB1396 with amendments, for the planning, design and construction of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center and a Honouliuli Internment Camp Education Center in West O'ahu.

For the past ten years, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i has documented the experiences of Japanese Americans detained at Honouliuli by gathering oral histories, translating and studying diaries, letters and poems of Hawai'i internees. Working with landowner, Monsanto, and the National Park Service, we have worked to preserve the former internment camp as a national historic site. The National Park Service describes the former internment site as: "the largest and longest-lived of the Hawaiian internment sites. The site provides a tangible link to the World War II internment of American citizens and residents, and the effects of martial law. In addition, Honouliuli is one of the best-preserved prisoner of war camps in the nation."

Currently, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i is participating in the State Advisory Committee on Honouliuli established by Act 235 in 2012. We have developed and will be distributing a documentary film and curriculum materials to Hawai'i's schools in the coming year. Later this spring, we will be hosting a series of community meetings to conceptualize the Honouliuli Educational Center in West O'ahu.

The legacy of the Japanese American incarceration in Hawai'i is significant to our state and nation. Honouliuli is part of the rich history of Japanese in Hawai'i and represents the unique experience of Japanese living in Hawai'i during World War II. Its preservation and the educational efforts surrounding Honouliuli provides the opportunity to learn from the past.

The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i supports H.B.1396 with amendments and looks forward to working collaboratively with the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center and others on this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

Carole Hayashino
President & Executive Director



Aloha,

Seventy years ago, a lot of us AJAs in Hawaii were trying to come to grips with post-Pearl Harbor suspicions about our loyalties. We knew whose side we were on, but a lot of people in America and Hawaii did not.

When we had a chance, thousands of us volunteered, because of patriotism, because we wanted to prove the doubters wrong. With martial law in place, wages were frozen. Our non-Japanese neighbors were getting good civilian jobs with the Army and Navy, but they weren't hiring Japanese. Everyone was saying the war would last 20, 30 years. So we figured if we're all going to die overseas, we might as well go with our friends.

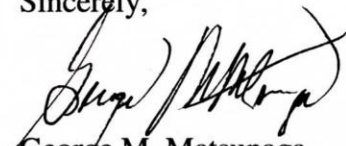
There were already AJAs in uniform when Japan attacked. Most of them became the 100th Infantry Battalion. Later on, thousands from Hawaii volunteered for the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service. For the MIS AJAs, our stories are different from the guys who served in the 100th and 442nd. After language school, we were sent all over the place, usually in ones and twos or small detachments. Most of what we did – there were more than 6,000 of us – was unknown to our friends and family and the rest of America.

We didn't go to war as a single unit. A lot of our service was unrecorded because the units that we were temporarily assigned to didn't do the paperwork. And our work was classified until long after the war. MIS Nisei served all over the Pacific, from the Aleutians to New Guinea, throughout the China-Burma-India Theater, stateside and in Australia and Europe. There were three MIS linguists aboard the battleship Missouri when Japan signed the surrender documents in September 1945. And many thousands of us served in the occupation of Japan and taught those folks about American democracy.

There aren't many of us left now. I'm glad to hear that some members of the next generation are working to establish a Nisei Legacy Center. It's important to remember what happened in Hawaii before, during and after the war, and to know what the "buta-head" soldiers did. Otherwise, like the old saying goes, "Those who ignore history are doomed to repeat it."

I hope you will also support the Nisei Legacy Center. I believe this is a worthy project and I fully support the efforts of the Nisei Legacy Center Organization to make this vision a reality.

Sincerely,



George M. Matsunaga



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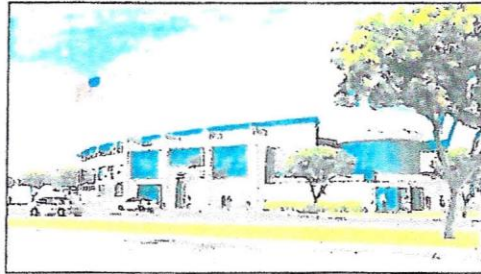
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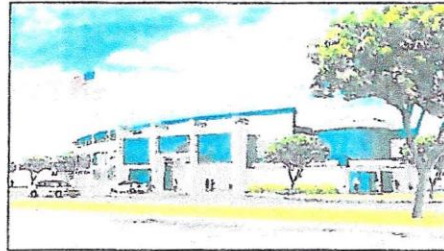
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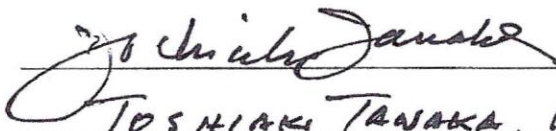
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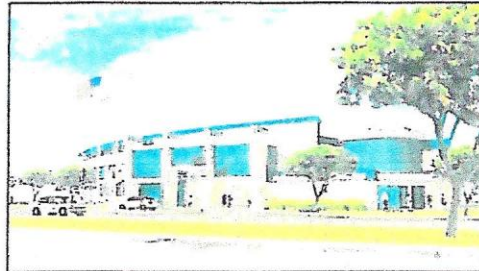


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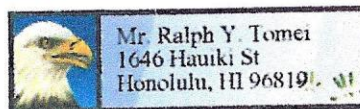
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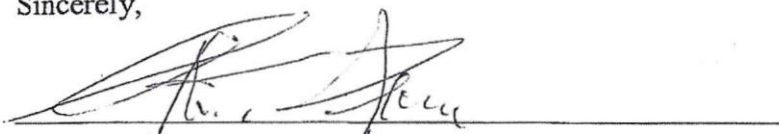
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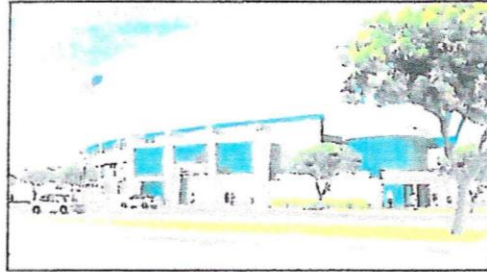


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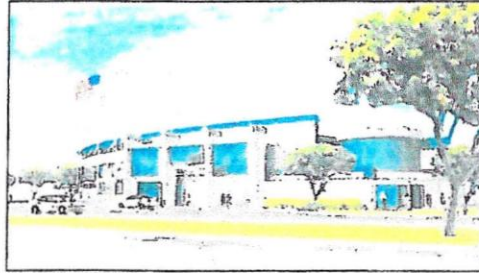
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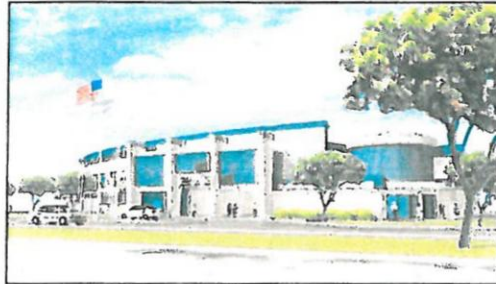
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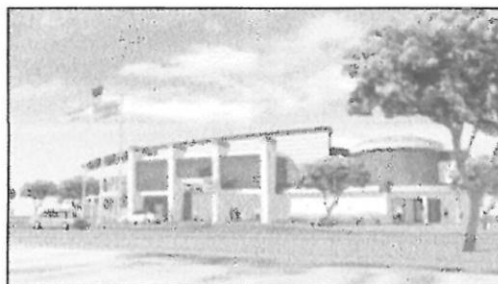
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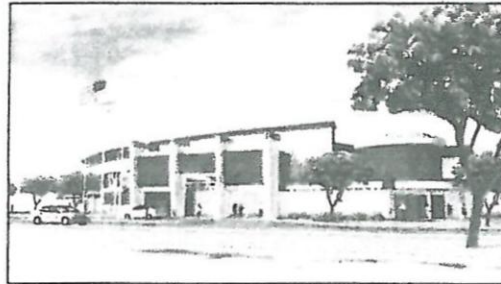
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Sincerely,

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My name is Suzanne Falgout. I would like to offer testimony in support of HB1396 relating to the Japanese American Experience in Hawaii, a bill that supports the planning, design and construction of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center and a Honouliuli Internment Camp Education Center. I offer this testimony as a private citizen.

The tremendous importance of Hawai'i's role in WWII can be witnessed in the 1.7m local, national, and international visitors to visit Pearl Harbor each year, the site of the event that marked the United States' entrance into that war. Until recently, very little has been known about the equally significant role that Hawai'i played in the internment of more than 2,000 peoples of Japanese, Okinawan, "German" (which actually included a wide range of individuals from allied and enemy nations in Europe) and Italian ancestry, who then resided as citizens and residents, in 13 detention sites in Hawai'i. Even less known has been the imprisonment of approximately 17,000 prisoners of war of Italian, Japanese, Okinawan, Korean, and Filipino ancestry sent to Hawai'i and held in 13 compounds in Hawai'i, from both the European and Pacific Theaters of war.

The Honouliuli Camp located in West O'ahu was the largest and longest lasting of all WWII camps in Hawai'i. It held more than 200 internees, and up to 4,500 POWs. Honouliuli's significance can be seen in the tremendous interest of local peoples who have overflowed in attendance at recent Days of Remembrance and clamored for more tours of the site (which are currently limited). It can also be witnessed in the site's recent acceptance to the Hawai'i State Register of Historic Places and to the National Register of Historic Places. The development of a Honouliuli Educational Center near the site in West O'ahu would help to meet this growing local interest and demand, and would be eventually be matched by national and international visitors who remain interested in WWII and Pearl Harbor.

The nearby location in West O'ahu of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center dedicated to educating the public about the unique and important history and legacy of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and the 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion would be an extremely valuable link to the stories of both Pearl Harbor and of Honouliuli.

This West O'ahu location of these Centers would also tie in with several educational resources and activities at the new UHWO campus. In addition to the curation of the Center for Labor Education and Research archives and also the Guigni film collection mentioned in HB1396, I would like to mention two additional resources at UHWO. First, for the past several years, 8 UHWO faculty members have conducted research and education related to various aspects of the Honouliuli Internment and POW Camp. In addition, they have held a summer field archaeology course for local, national, and international students, and members of the local community have also been invited to volunteer for several days at the site. Also, UHWO has now added a new Certificate in Democratic Principles and Social Justice; this new program will focus on the Honouliuli site and the many issues that it has raised; for a culminating experience, students will apply their learning in internships conducted with local, national, and international institutions.

Finally, Tokai University also plans to establish their new campus in the West O'ahu region. It can be expected that some of those faculty and students will become interested in the stories told at the Honouliuli Education Center and the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center. This has the potential to strengthen international interest in the important stories of WWII that Hawai'i holds.

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I support this bill.

I am of the sansei generation. Before I decided to research my family's genealogy, I knew nothing of the internment of Japanese from Hawaii except that my grandfather was interned. I was shocked to learn that this issue has been ignored for so long. Our country and even many of the 60,000 or so direct descendants have no clue of why approximately 1,200 Japanese from Hawaii were interned. The government's justification to classify these Japanese as enemy aliens is laughable. The creation of an education and learning center at Honouliuli will finally reveal the untold story. Without Honouliuli we may someday make the same mistake again. Time is of the essence.

Ron Chung

Testimonial re Nisei Legacy Center

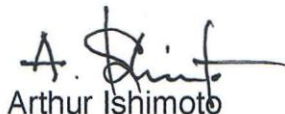
Tom Brokaw the former NBC news anchor wrote a book called The Greatest Generation referring to our generation. I have never thought of us as such. However, as I reflect on what we faced especially during World War 2, indeed we were the greatest generation. World War 2 was unlike any war past and present. It was the most intense and involved millions of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen.

During the war, Japanese Americans were suspected of being disloyal to the United States of America. Racial discrimination against Japanese living in the United States were rampant. Even while wearing the uniform of the U.S. Army we were called Japs. Niseis on the mainland fared worse when they were incarcerated in internment camps.

To prove our loyalty we volunteered and enlisted in the U.S. Army. The combat records of the 100th Inf. Bn. and 442nd Inf. Regt. were legendary and the best in the history of the U.S. Army. Unfortunately, the Military Intelligence Service was not known except as interpreters. This was due to the organization being classified as Secret until the Freedom of Information Act was passed in 1972. Not much was known also of the 1399th Engineers although they were not a secret organization. Today, both units are still unknown. But their contributions are documented and will be preserved in the legacy center.

We need to recognize all four organizations by disseminating and publicizing their glorious and magnificent history to future generations. Our wartime and postwar contributions paved the way for future generations to have a better future. Today, you can walk down the street and not be called Japs. You have the opportunity to obtain better jobs without being hampered by racial discrimination. You can be admitted to colleges where it was difficult for our generation. You now have a bright future.

I urge all Japanese Americans to be a part of the Nisei Legacy Center by contributing to the project. You can favor us by doing so to display, in perpetuity, the proud history of my generation.



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