
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE JAPANESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN HAWAII.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a Nisei Veterans
2 Legacy Center would preserve, perpetuate, and share the legacy
3 of the Americans of Japanese ancestry who served in the United
4 States armed forces in World War II. Such a center would
5 provide research and educational programs, outreach efforts, and
6 displays for residents and visitors. The establishment of a
7 Nisei Veterans Legacy Center would create a facility dedicated
8 to researching, preserving, and interpreting the history of the
9 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military
10 Intelligence Service, and the 1399th Engineer Construction
11 Battalion to develop deeper understandings of their unique place
12 in Hawaiian, American, and global history.

13 A Nisei Veterans Legacy Center would curate materials and
14 artifacts to preserve and perpetuate the legacy of the Nisei
15 soldiers of World War II who fought loyally and valiantly
16 against the Axis powers on the European and Pacific
17 battlefields, while having to combat distrust, racial prejudice,
18 and discrimination at home. A Nisei Veterans Legacy Center



1 would examine race, loyalty, citizenship, and "Americanism"
2 against the backdrop of martial law, internment, and the
3 fragility of civil liberties and civil rights during that era,
4 and demonstrate how the Nisei soldiers' battlefield experiences
5 and sacrifices contributed to political leadership, social
6 movements, and social transformation in Hawaii and the United
7 States.

8 Locating a Nisei Veterans Legacy Center in West Oahu would
9 complement academic and research programs offered at the
10 University of Hawaii, such as the Center for Labor Education and
11 Research's Labor Archives and the Henry Giugni film collection.

12 The Honouliuli Internment Camp is a major historical site
13 located on property currently owned by Monsanto in West Oahu.
14 The United States National Park Service, Japanese Cultural
15 Center of Hawaii, University of Hawaii-West Oahu, State of
16 Hawaii, Monsanto, and other stakeholders are working to preserve
17 and share the existing remnants of the internment camp, with a
18 planned educational center and memorial. In 2012, the
19 legislature established a Honouliuli advisory group to develop
20 recommendations to help develop this site with government and
21 private resources, and the group will continue to meet through
22 January 1, 2014.



1 The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation for the
2 planning, design, and construction of a center in West Oahu that
3 would incorporate a Nisei Veterans Legacy Center and a
4 Honouliuli Internment Camp Educational Center. The legislature
5 intends for a matching source of private or public funds to be
6 secured prior to the release of the appropriation.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 for the
10 planning, design, and construction of a Nisei Veterans Legacy
11 Center and a Honouliuli Internment Camp Educational Center.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
13 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act;
14 provided that no moneys appropriated under this Act shall be
15 expended unless matched by grants or donations from public or
16 private sources. For the purposes of this Act, the value of in-
17 kind donations from private sources may be included for the
18 purpose of calculating the amount of matching funds; provided
19 that the director of finance shall first verify the value of any
20 such donation.

21 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Japanese American Experience in Hawaii; Nisei Veterans Legacy Center; Honouliuli Internment Camp Educational Center; Appropriation; Matching Funds

Description:

Appropriates funds for the planning, design, and construction of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center and a Honouliuli Internment Camp Education Center. Release of appropriation is subject to matching funds. Allows the value of in-kind donations to be calculated in the matching amount, subject to verification by the director of finance. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB1396 HD1)

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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION
KAHUIHEWA BUILDING
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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2013
2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309**

**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
House Committee on Higher Education

February 12, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
By Gene I. Awakuni
Chancellor, University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu

HB1396 HD1 – RELATING TO THE JAPANESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN HAWAII

Aloha Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Members of the Committee:

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



HAWAI'I CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

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February 12, 2013
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 309

To: The Honorable Isaac W. Choy, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Higher Education

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 support this measure, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities in the Executive Budget.

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.



Arthur Ishimoto
Military Intelligence Service, WW2



Nisei Legacy Center

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Each veteran's organization now has a collection of valuable documents, artifacts and memorabilia. As veterans pass on, these collections continue to grow as family members look to donate their own collection. These priceless items need to be preserved to teach future generations. The Nisei Legacy Center will serve as the single location where these items can be archived and made available for research.

In addition to serving as a resource center for information on the veterans, the NLC will also honor my fellow comrades who made the ultimate and valiant sacrifice and did not safely return home to their families. The NLC will ensure that they are not forgotten. It will be a lasting tribute for all those who loyally served our country.

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,



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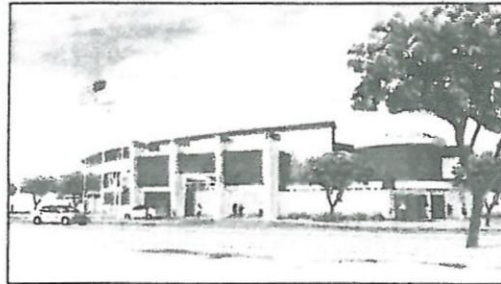
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Sincerely,

Isamu Furuya

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Sincerely,

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Nisei Veterans Legacy Center

The mission of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center (NVLC) 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 would 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.

The vision of the NVLC is to establish a new complex at the University of Hawai'i-West O`ahu campus dedicated to researching, preserving and interpreting the materials of these four military units to develop deeper understandings of their unique military histories which are themselves part of Hawaiian, American and global histories. The NVLC would collect, inventory and catalog, and organize the materials from which to (1) interpret the story and the legacy of the Nisei soldiers of World War II who fought loyally, valiantly and sacrificially against fascist enemies on the European and Pacific battlefields while having to fight distrust, racial prejudice and discrimination at home; (2) 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; and (3) explore how those battlefield experiences and sacrifices may have contributed to political leadership, social movements, social transformations in both Hawai'i and the continental United States, and the continuing quest for peace and social justice. For example, the study of these materials might help contextualize the emergence of the Matsunaga Peace Institute, as well as, the longstanding support the late Senator Inouye gave to Native Hawaiian Recognition and programs.

The NVLC would complement other academic and research units at UHWO, such as the Center for Labor Education and Research's Labor Archives and the Henry Guini film collection. As a complex, it would also house the proposed Center for Democratic Principles and Social Justice which is continuing its multi-disciplinary research on Honouliuli and the internment and prisoner of war camp experience in Hawai'i. As Honouliuli is designated a National Historic Site, it 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 complex would further support the collaborative work with the U.S. National Park Service, the World War II Valor in the Pacific Monument, and various other community partners. It would promote student pursuit of the recently approved Certificate Program in Democratic Principles and Social Justice, as well as, generally support opportunities for student participation in various learning circles both locally and in other locales throughout the Pacific.

The NVLC educational programs would utilize the archives to be located on the second floor of the complex, thereby, creating a living research entity. Professional archivists and student assistants, housed in appropriate office space, would staff the archives and coordinate volunteer activities. The Resource Center, to be located on the ground floor, would be multi-purposed to serve as a place for receiving and orienting visitors; a display area for selective artifacts, and permanent and revolving interpretive exhibits; and 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 in Democratic Principles and Social Justice. The classrooms would also be used for docent training for Honouliuli and other confinement sites in Hawai'i, as well as, a venue to host larger public events such as lectures, performances, and film showings.

The time has come to create a legacy center to honor and perpetuate the story of the Nisei soldiers. They helped shape our lives and the world we live in. Their story is not only of their accomplishments during WWII, but equally important, it covers their influence on Hawaii after the war.



Nisei Legacy Center

My husband was a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. I believe the time has come to create a legacy center, which will help preserve their story for future generations, including our grandchildren and their children. The story of the 442nd RCT transpired 70 years ago. It is an amazing story with great historical significance.

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Sincerely,

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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,

Tad Tsubuyama
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Tad Tsubuyama 522 FA Bn. "B" Battery



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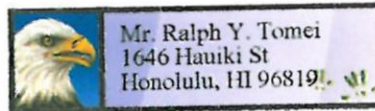
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November 7, 2012

To Whom This May Concern:

My brothers Robert S. Sato and John H. Sato were proud members of the 442nd RCT and the MIS during WW II. I believe the time is long overdue to create a legacy center, which will help preserve their story of Service to Country for future generations, including our grandchildren, their children...and all Americans. The story of the Nisei soldiers of World War II transpired 70 years ago. It is an amazing American story with great historical significance...a story that really needs to be told & retold. Let's do it without delay!


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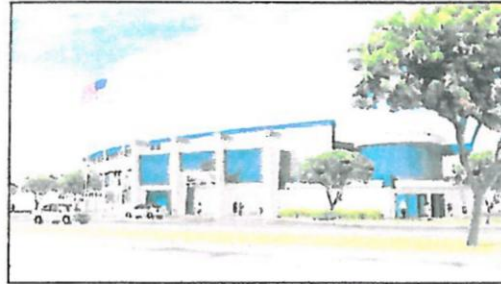


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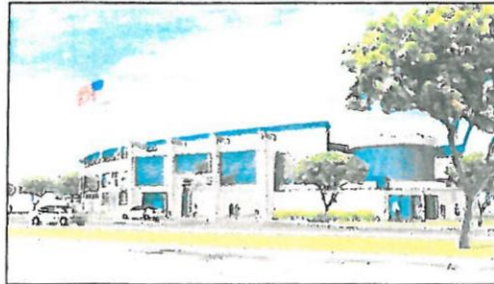
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Each veteran's organization now has a collection of valuable documents, artifacts and memorabilia. As veterans pass on, these collections continue to grow as family members look to donate their own collection. These priceless items need to be preserved to teach future generations. The Nisei Legacy Center will serve as the single location where these items can be archived and made available for research.

In addition to serving as a resource center for information on the veterans, the NLC will also honor my fellow comrades who made the ultimate and valiant sacrifice and did not safely return home to their families. The NLC will ensure that they are not forgotten. It will be a lasting tribute for all those who loyally served our country.

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,

Kenneth M. Higa

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Name Battalion Company



Nisei Legacy Center

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Sincerely,

Byrnes K. Yamashita
Son of Victor I. Yamashita, 442nd RCT

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Grandson of Victor I. Yamashita, 442nd RCT



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**RE: Support for HB1396, HD1
Related to the Japanese American Experience in Hawai'i
Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 12, 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

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.