

HB 1396, HD1 Testimony

Measure Title:	RELATING TO THE JAPANESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN HAWAII.
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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Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts
Senate Committee on Water and Land
March 21, 2013 at 1:15 p.m.
By Gene I. Awakuni
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HB 1396 HD1 – RELATING TO THE JAPANESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN HAWAII

Aloha Chairs Wakai and Solomon, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Shimabukuro and members of the committees:

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

This bill 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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William J. Aila, Jr.	Department of Land and Natural Resources	Support	Yes

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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**Before the Senate Committees on
TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS
and
WATER AND LAND**

**Thursday, March 21, 2013
1:15 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 414**

**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 supports the intent of this bill and offers the following comment and amendment for consideration.

The Department prefers the Senate version (1317) of this initiative because it separates the two projects which are at very different stages of development. The Nisei Veteran's Legacy Center is projecting that their building will be complete by 2015, while the Honouliuli Park Advisory Group is in the beginning stages of assessing the feasibility of becoming a National Park; how to tie an educational center to the Honouliuli Internment Camp site; and how to enhance the visitor experience although the site is very remote and difficult to access.

The Department notes that the Nisei Veteran's Legacy Center is already working with the University of Hawaii at West Oahu. They have developed a course based on their collaboration, and the Nisei Veteran's Legacy Center building will be built on land leased from University of Hawaii at West Oahu. As such, the University should be the expending agency.

On the other hand, the Department is already the expending agency for the Honouliuli Park Site Project Advisory group and should to continue serve as the expending agency.

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As such, the Department recommends that appropriation portion of this measure be rewritten as follows:

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ _____ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the planning, design, and construction of a Nisei veterans legacy center.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University of Hawaii at West Oahu for the purposes of this Act; provided that no moneys appropriated under this Act shall be expended unless matched by grants or donations from public or private sources.

For the purposes of this Act, the value of in-kind donations from private sources may be included for the purpose of calculating the amount of matching funds; provided that the director of finance shall first verify the value of any such donation.

SECTION 3. The University of Hawaii at West Oahu shall report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2014 on the status of the Nisei veterans legacy center, including funding.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ _____ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 to continue the work of the Honouliuli Park Site Project Advisory Group created by Act 235, Session Laws of Hawaii, 2012.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act; provided that no moneys appropriated under this Act shall be expended unless matched by grants or donations from public or private sources.

For the purposes of this Act, the value of in-kind donations from private sources may be included for the purpose of calculating the amount of matching funds; provided that the director of finance shall first verify the value of any such donation.

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Kimberly Chang	Department of Budget and Finance	Comments Only	No

Comments: See attached.

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TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS
AND WATER AND LAND
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1396, H.D. 1

March 21, 2013

RELATING TO THE JAPANESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN HAWAII

House Bill No. 1396, H.D. 1, appropriates an undetermined amount of funds for the planning, design, and construction of a center in West Oahu that would incorporate a Nisei Veteran Legacy Center and a Honouliuli Internment Camp Education Center. The measure requires a matching source of public, private or in-kind donations to be secured prior to the release of the appropriation and makes the Director of Finance responsible for verifying the value of any such in-kind donation.

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) appreciates the intent of the bill to develop a Nisei Veterans Legacy Center to perpetuate the legacy of the Nisei soldiers of World War II, and defers to the Department of Land and Natural Resources regarding the technical issues and merits of the bill. However, we have a concern with being tasked with the responsibility of verifying the value of in-kind donations.

It should be pointed out that B&F does not have the expertise nor resources to determine the value of in-kind donations. We respectfully request that this requirement be eliminated or that an auditable and verifiable self-declaration mechanism could be implemented as an alternative.

We also request that the bill clarify the amount or ratio of the matching donations required.

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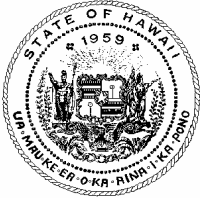
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Hoshijo	Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission	Support	No

Comments: 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.

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1:15 p.m.
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To: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts

The Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

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.

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Carole Hayashino	Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii	Support	Yes

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March 19, 2013

TO: Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
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Committee on Technology and the Arts

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Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Carole Hayashino, President and Executive Director
Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i
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**RE: STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 1396, HD1
Related to the Japanese American Experience in Hawai'i
Hearing Date: Thursday, March 21, 2013**

On behalf of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, I respectfully request your support of **H.B.1396, H.D. 1** to support the planning, design and construction of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center and to continue the planning efforts of the Honouliuli Park Site Advisory Group for the Honouliuli Internment Camp Education Center in West O'ahu.

The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i (JCCH) has participated in the Honouliuli Park Site Advisory Group for the past six months. JCCH and the Advisory Group has made great progress in leveraging state funds to raise additional federal and private funds to support the on-going documentation of Honouliuli and the development and distribution of educational materials on the internment of Japanese Americans in Hawai'i to schools and libraries.

In addition, we are monitoring the progress of the National Park Service Special Resource Study which examines the historic significance of Honouliuli and the 13 World War II confinement sites in Hawai'i. In anticipation of its release, the Advisory Group is preparing to host a series of community meetings aimed at program planning for a Honouliuli educational center. The public meetings will build awareness of the historic site and explore programmatic issues related to the preservation of the physical site, preservation of archival photos and documents, collection of oral histories, and the educational opportunities with high schools and colleges.

The preservation of Honouliuli is at a critical juncture with the anticipated transfer of approximately 106 acres of land, the former site of the confinement site, from private to public ownership. H.B. 1396, H.D. 1 will ensure that the work of the State Advisory Group continues through the issuance of the Special Resource Study and the transfer of Honouliuli from private to public ownership.

With your support, history will not be forgotten and future generations will learn the lessons and legacies of the World War II internment of Japanese Americans in Hawai'i.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carole Hayashino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carole Hayashino
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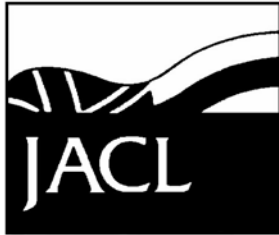
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Kent Mori Walther	JACL Honolulu Chapter	Support	No

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Senate Committee on Water and Land

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Hawai'i State Capitol – Room 414

Testimony in **SUPPORT of HB 1396 HD1**, Relating to the Japanese American Experience in Hawaii

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara, Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committees:

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) Honolulu Chapter supports the passage of House Bill No. 1396, House Draft 1, which appropriates funds for the planning, design, and construction of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center and a Honouliuli Internment Camp Education Center.

JACL is the nation's oldest and largest Asian Pacific American civil rights organization with over 20,000 members. Locally our organization has consistently supported efforts to ensure equal rights to all citizens of this state.

We believe that House Bill No. 1396, House Draft 1 is a meaningful step in the right direction for preserving our history for the purpose of improving our community's future. The internment of 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II is an appalling part of US history that we must never forget. The internment of US citizens based solely on their ethnicity should never be allowed to happen again to anyone. There should never again be a group of people who are made an exception to the protections afforded under our constitution.

Creation of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center and a Honouliuli Internment Camp Education Center will not only ensure that our history is preserved and remembered, but will be a means to educate others about what can happen if we fail to remain vigilant about our civil rights and fail to exhibit care for all members of our community.

We urge you to pass out the measure. For your time and consideration, thank you.

Respectfully,

Kent Mori Walther
Legislative Committee Chair

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HB1396 HD1

RELATING TO THE JAPANESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN HAWAII

To: Committee on Technology and the Arts,
Committee on Water and Land

From: Wes Deguchi, 442nd Veterans Club

The 442nd Veterans Club is in support of the creation of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center. House Bill 1396 seeks to provide partial funding for the planning, design and construction of the project.



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.

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To: Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts

Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

From: Michelle Sone

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 21, 2013
1:15 p.m.

Subject: Support for HB 1396 HD 1, Relating to the Japanese American Experience in Hawaii

I am writing in support of HB 1396 HD 1 as a citizen of the state of Hawaii. I am also a yonsei or fourth generation Japanese in Hawaii and both a descendent of a 442nd Regimental Combat Team veteran and two WWII Japanese American internees. Despite being born some 44 years after the end of WWII, I can say with much confidence that the history and experiences of those who came before me in regards to this period continue to be relevant and an important part of who I am today. It is because of this that I realize that they must be preserved as they are significant parts of all of our stories and legacies. They serve as reminders and more importantly, lessons for all of us about fairness, freedom, justice, and loyalty, values, which our country holds to be fundamental. The creation of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center and a Honouliuli Internment Camp Educational Center would be momentous for just that reason as they would ensure that these lessons will be maintained for future generations to come.

The history surrounding WWII and the Japanese Americans in Hawaii is both a source of pride and sadness for myself and many other Japanese Americans. While my maternal grandfather became a soldier in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, fighting for his country, my paternal grandmother and great grandfather were being interned by the same country. The stories my grandmother told me about her experiences as an internee will always stay with me as reminders of the undue hardships that she and many other Japanese Americans were forced to endure. The question that most concerns me is, what about those who do not have that kind of eternal reminder? We run the risk of making the same mistakes and subjecting another group of people to such injustices again, thus it is imperative that we never forget the experiences of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii and the rest of the country.

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center and Honouliuli Internment Camp Educational Center will ensure just that. Through these centers, the lived experiences and histories of the 442nd Regiment and Honouliuli internees will not only be acknowledged but will be furthered through research, preservation, interpretation, and education. For those of us who call Hawaii our home, they will continually inform and remind us that such events during WWII were not only occurring thousands of miles away on the mainland, but right here in our backyards as well. We owe it to all of those who served and were interned to make certain that their experiences are never forgotten and that future generations are made aware of their bravery, perseverance, fidelity, and the sacrifices they made so that we may live better lives today.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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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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Sincerely,

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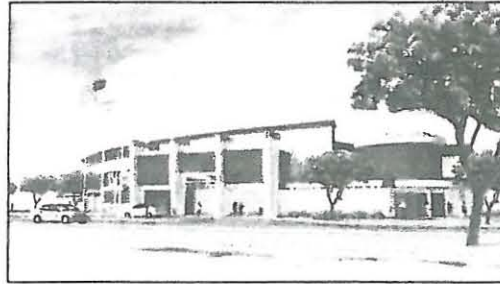
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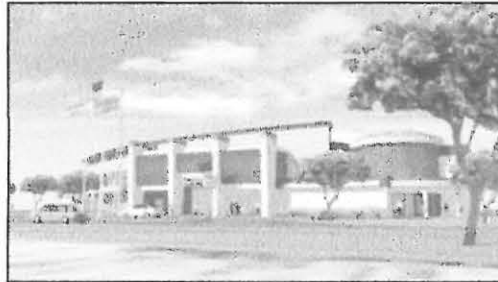
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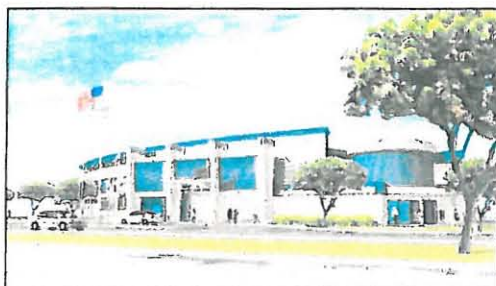
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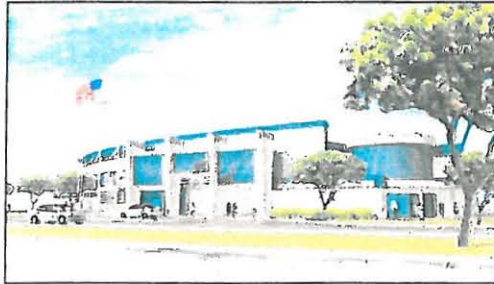
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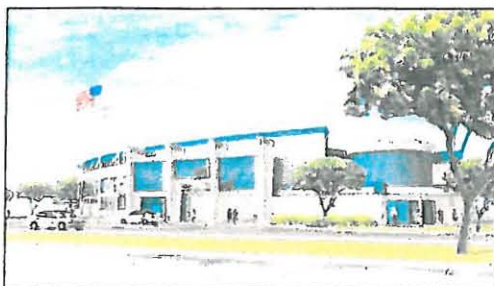
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Sincerely,

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Anita Nihei, Daughter of Henry Hori, 442 RCT, G Co.

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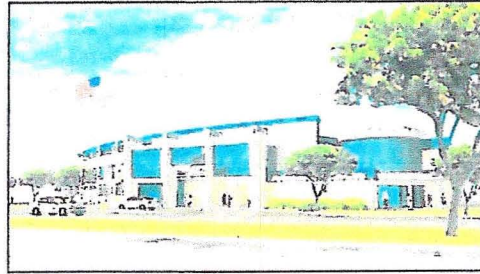


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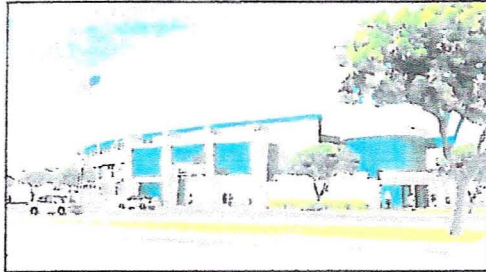


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November 7, 2012

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!

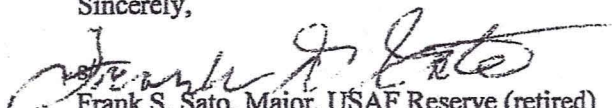
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I believe this is a worthy project and I fully support the efforts of the Nisei Legacy Center Organization to make this vision a reality.

Sincerely,


Frank S. Sato, Major, USAF Reserve (retired)
Former Inspector General (1981-1988)
US Department of Veterans Affairs

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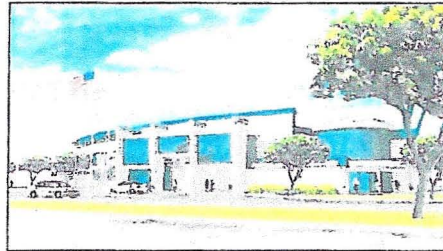
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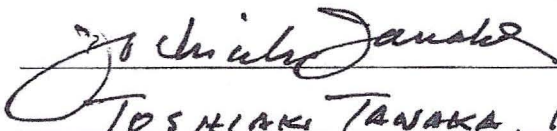
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Sincerely,



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Sincerely,

Ted Tsukiyama

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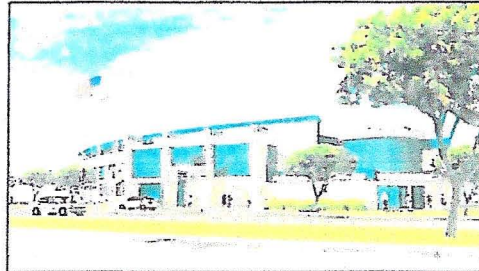


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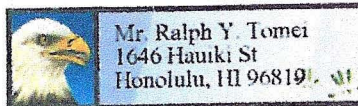
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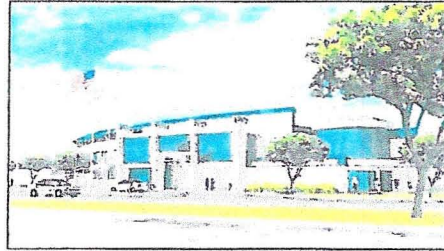
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Jack W.S. Yamashiro

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Sincerely,

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

Dylan K. Yamashita
Grandson of Victor I. Yamashita, 442nd RCT

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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,

Iwao Yokoyama

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From: [Betsy Young](#)
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Subject: Testimony for HB 1369
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 10:35:36 AM

Good morning:

Senator Waki

Senator Nishihara

and Committee members.

I am Betsy Young, Staff Associate at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai`i.

I have been involved with the Hawai`i internment efforts for more than ten years.

I am here in support of the bill: HB 1369.

The Hawai`i Internment story is a part of Hawai`i's history. It is a dark part of America's history. Documented material on the Japanese American internment has been largely about the Mainland experience.

However, within the last ten years the JCCH has collected a wealth of material on the Hawai`i internment. An educational center or museum will be able to preserve and provide present and future generations access to these valuable resources. An educational center or museum will be able to open its doors to learning, enriching and reinforcing the on-site educational Honouliuli internment site tours for people.

I'd like to share a few of the most important things the students learned after a recent pre-tour orientation session and an educational tour of the Honouliuli internment site:

One enlightened student said, ". . . there was a camp even in Hawai`i, and that it was REAL, not just something you read about in textbooks."

Another thoughtful student said, ". . . Hawai`i's history still makes a big impact on all lives today."

And words of wisdom from a student, "Seeing the remnants of buildings and hearing true stories of families who went through this traumatic experience taught me that we must stand up to social justices. As American citizens, we are promised many things through the Constitution but the most important thing we are promised is our freedom. Let my generation never force its own citizens into situations where their rights to freedom are completely forgotten. May my generation never make these same mistakes."

In conclusion, passage of HB1369 will be vital to the process of creating an Honouliuli Learning Center and the Veteran's Legacy Center. Joining the nearby Pacific Pearl Harbor complex, these entities for preserving and perpetuating history, would be poised to inspire today's world to take much needed action for liberty and justice for all.

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My name is Jane Kurahara with the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii and I am in support of HB 1396, HD1 RELATING TO THE JAPANESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN HAWAII.

I favor the division of funds between the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center and a Honouliuli Internment Camp Education Center, with the funds for Honouliuli to be for the continuation of the work of its Advisory Group.

Thank you very much.

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March 20, 2013

Re: HB 1396

I support this bill.

I am the grandson of an Issei who spent more than 3 years in internment camps, most of that period at Santa Fe, New Mexico. Growing up I was aware of my grandfather's internment but never gave it much thought. In researching my family's genealogy in 2000, I decided to learn more about his internment.

There are probably hundreds, maybe thousands of articles and books about the relocation of the Japanese on the west coast. But you would need a microscope to find mentions of the Department of Justice camps that housed the Japanese "enemy aliens" from Hawaii. I am angry and sad that our great country stooped so low in sending these innocent individuals to internment camps. The government's justification is laughable.

The creation of a Honouliuli Memorial and research learning center will be the vehicle for the Untold Story of the Japanese internment from Hawaii.

Thank you

Ronald K. S. Chung