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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
DEAN H. SEKI, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE
ON
April 2, 2014
H.C.R. 200

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES AND
STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO PLACE A PEACE
POLE SCULPTURE NEAR THE KATSU GOTO MEMORIAL AND RECOGNIZING
THE EFFORTS OF THE COMMUNITY OF HONOKA'A, THE HONOKA'A PEACE
COMMITTEE, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMEMORATING PEACE DAY

Chair Luke and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit
written testimony on H.C.R. 200.

The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the intent of H.C.R. 200,
provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the
Executive Budget, and will work collaboratively with the State Foundation on Culture and the
Arts to effectuate the purpose of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Estelle Enoki	SFCA	Comments Only	No

Comments: The SFCA supports the intent of the resolution, but is prevented by statute from accommodating the request as described.

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TESTIMONY

In support on HCR 200 to establish a Peace Pole in Honoka'a

April 1, 2014



The United Nations established an official International Day of Peace in 1982, intending September 21 each year to be a global ceasefire that would allow humanitarian work in war-torn regions. In 2006, a group of teenagers with the Hawaii Federation of Young Buddhist Associations started a movement to create a statewide observation of Peace Day in line with that of the UN. Because of their efforts, on April 19, 2006, then Governor Linda Lingle signed a proclamation declaring September 21 "Peace Day in Hawaii."

In Honoka'a on Hawaii Island, a uniquely cohesive multicultural community, the United Nations International Day of Peace has been celebrated each year with a Parade, community Festival, and related events and educational/awareness-raising activities in days leading up to September 21. Steered by Miles Okumura and the Peace Committee of Honoka'a Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, the Peace Day Parade & Festival have become signature events of the region, events that help put Honoka'a on the map as the thriving, diverse and creative community it has come to be.

Establishing a Peace Pole near the Katsu Goto Memorial (commemorating a local hero who fought for social justice), is an appropriate, valuable and permanent way to show support for some of the most important values that hold our island community together: peace, compassion and interdependence.

Thank you for continuing to move the Peace Pole project forward.

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Testimony In Support of HCR 200
To Establish a Peace Pole in Honoka`a

April 1, 2014

Katsu Goto was a Japanese immigrant in the initial wave of laborers who came to work on the sugar plantations in Hawaii. 2014 marks the 125th year memorializing his martyrdom as a labor activist on the Big Island. As economic justice is a significant part of the peace campaign of the United Nations, it would be fitting to install a Peace Pole in proximity to the monument erected in memory of Katsu Goto, located in Honoka`a, Hawaii.

The Peace Committee of Honoka`a has produced the Parade and Festival for the United Nations continuously since the establishment of Peace Day in Hawaii. Coinciding with the United Nations International Day of Peace (September 21) each year, the Peace Committee's events are the longest running of its kind, and have become the most elaborate and extensive commemoration of Peace Day throughout the nation and the world.

Peace Poles traditionally contain a slogan on its facets, translated into several languages: "May peace prevail throughout the world." In conjunction with the various events associated with the Peace Committee's Peace Day Parade and Festival, and coinciding with the 125th memorial of the labor hero, Katsu Goto, the installation of the first public Peace Pole in Honoka`a would further Hawaii's role as an example and leader in the effort to, indeed, have peace prevail throughout the world.

Thank you for helping the State of Hawaii in promoting peace, compassion and awareness of universal interdependence.

Sincerely,

Miles Okumura,

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Comments: Please vote in favor of HCR200. It is a great statement of support for the community. Thank you.

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