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**HB323**

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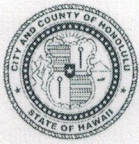
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Jeanne Ishikawa	Wahiawa-Whitmore Village Neighborhood Board No. 26	Support	No

Comments: Note: I also faxed our NB26 testimony in support of HB323 to #586.6271, as I was initially having difficulty emailing the document. Mahalo!

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REGULAR SESSION 2015

**COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,  
& CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
Representative James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee

**HB NO. 323: RELATING TO THE STATE DISASTER REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

HEARING DATE

Monday, February 09, 2015 at 9:05 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

Dear Chair Ito, Vice Chair Tokioka, and Members of the Committee:

The Wahiawa-Whitmore Village Neighborhood Board No. 26 STRONGLY SUPPORTS the proactive intentions of HB323 which will undoubtedly assist members of our community, if needed.

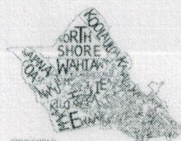
Neighborhood Board No. 26 represents more than 30,000 residents of the Wahiawa and Whitmore Village communities. Schofield Barracks has been a part of our town's history since 1909, when the Fifth Calvary Regiment arrived to establish Schofield Barracks. Since then, the U. S. Army has become a part of the fabric of Wahiawa, either as troops on base at Schofield or as soldiers on duty in the East Range above Wahiawa. They are our neighbors, friends, classmates, parishioners, and business customers; and vice-versa, many of our Wahiawa and Whitmore Village residents are Civil Service or contract employees on Schofield Barracks.

Wahiawa, Whitmore Village, and our military neighbors are so intertwined that each time a deployment occurs, we simultaneously pray for the safe return of our troops and brace for the socio-economic impact on our schools, churches, and businesses. For these reasons, on July 21, 2014, the Wahiawa-Whitmore Village Neighborhood Board No. 26 voted unanimously to oppose the proposed reduction of 20,000 troops from Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter. A reduction of this magnitude would be disastrous for our town, so preparing for the worst in the form of HB323 is a smart investment.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to submit comments on HB323.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Ishikawa  
Chair, Wahiawa-Whitmore Village Neighborhood Board No. 26



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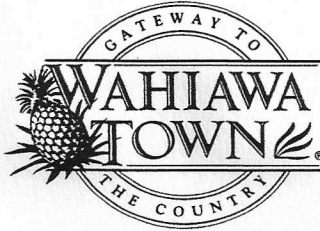
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Walter Benavitz Jr.	Wahiawa Community and Business Association	Support	Yes

Comments:

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February 8, 2015

Before the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts.

***Re: Supporting Testimony to HB 323 - RELATING TO THE STATE DISASTER  
REVOLVING LOAN FUND.***

Dear Committee Chair Ken Ito, Vice Chair James Tokioka and committee members:

On behalf of the Wahiawa Community and Business Association (WCBA) this testimony is offered in support of this bill.

The WCBA is Wahiawa's oldest community association. For over 78 years it has staunchly supported its neighbor, Schofield Barracks.

The US Army's proposes to eliminate 19,800 Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter soldiers. This would lead to about 30,000 civilians and military dependents leaving our communities. Wahiawa, as well as other towns, is facing the specter of military downsizing that will devastate our economies that are dependent upon the large military economic engine.

The amendment to the statute is important to our community because will authorize the use of the State disaster fund for loans to businesses and individuals impacted by military downsizing.

The WCBA applauds your timely efforts to help the communities affected by military downsizing to create jobs and to stabilize distressed economies.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Walter R. Benavitz Jr.", written in dark ink.

Walter R. Benavitz Jr.  
WCBA Government Action Committee Chair