



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

April 26, 2017

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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 26, 2017, the following bill was signed into law:

SB283

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION
ACT 011 (17)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Maui has no major
2 roadways commemorating veterans and their role in Maui history.
3 During World War II, Maui became a forward training center for
4 the war in the Pacific. Many of the beaches were used to
5 rehearse the invasion of Guadalcanal. To this day there are
6 remnants of concrete bunkers at some of the beaches in south
7 Maui. Native Hawaiians and cattle ranchers who lived on the
8 island of Kaho'olawe, a part of Maui county, were forced to move
9 and the island was made into a target range for the United
10 States Navy.

11 The legislature further finds that Puunene Airport was
12 built in 1938 by the Territory of Hawaii. In 1940, the United
13 States Navy started using the airport as a base for the Navy's
14 utility squadron VJ-3. The base was commissioned as "Naval Air
15 Station Maui" in 1942. When the Navy built a larger airport at
16 Kahului, it was renamed Puunene Naval Air Station. Puunene
17 Naval Air Station was used for fighter plane training and a base



1 for small planes which towed targets for practice and retrieved
2 the parachutes of target flares. Puunene Naval Air Station was
3 used by the United States Navy and the United States Army.
4 After the war, Puunene Naval Air Station was transferred back to
5 the Territory of Hawaii.

6 According to the American Community Survey, which produces
7 population, demographic, and housing unit estimates for the
8 United States Census Bureau, in 2015, there were nine thousand
9 four hundred fifty-one veterans living on Maui, including one
10 thousand thirty Gulf War veterans (September, 2001 or later);
11 nine hundred twenty-five Gulf War veterans (August, 1990 to
12 August, 2001); three thousand nine hundred sixty-nine Vietnam
13 conflict veterans; seven hundred ninety-one Korean conflict
14 veterans; and six hundred ninety-four World War II veterans.

15 In addition, Mokulele highway passes along the former
16 location of the Puunene airport, and the Maui army national
17 guard Puunene armory is located just off the highway, which
18 taken together, gives Mokulele highway a symbolic connection to
19 military history.

20 The legislature finds that Mokulele highway has a clear
21 connection to Maui's military history and that the heroic



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1 veterans living on Maui should be remembered for their sacrifice
2 to our country by naming a highway in their honor.

3 The purpose of this Act is to rename the Mokulele highway
4 to the Maui veterans highway.

5 SECTION 2. Route 311, known as Mokulele highway, on the
6 island of Maui shall be renamed the "Maui veterans highway".

7 SECTION 3. The renaming of Mokulele highway under this Act
8 shall not be deemed to affect any federal or state funding for
9 Mokulele highway.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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APPROVED this 26 day of APR, 2017





GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: March 7, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.


President of the Senate

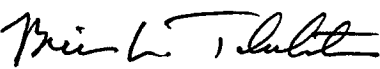

Clerk of the Senate

**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Date: April 7, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.


Speaker, House of Representatives


Clerk, House of Representatives