
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FILIPINO VETERANS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is of great
2 importance to honor the Filipino veterans of World War II who
3 fought with remarkable valor and dedication alongside the
4 victorious Allied forces during World War II.

5 In December 2016, President Obama signed into a law a
6 measure collectively awarding the Congressional Gold Medal, the
7 nation's highest civilian honor, to more than two hundred sixty
8 thousand surviving and deceased Filipino veterans of World War
9 II, including those from the Philippines, United States, and
10 Territory of Hawaii, who fought under the American flag during
11 World War II.

12 Establishing a monument at the Filipino community center in
13 Waipahu, Oahu, honoring Filipino veterans of World War II would
14 show Hawaii's gratitude to Filipino veterans, provide a visual
15 reminder of the Filipino veterans' unique place in American and
16 global history, and educate the public on the role minorities
17 played in the outcome of World War II.



1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
 2 Hawaii state foundation on culture and the arts to commission an
 3 artist to design and build a monument at the Filipino community
 4 center in Waipahu, Oahu, to commemorate and acknowledge Filipino
 5 veterans of World War II.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
 9 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 10 2018-2019 for the Hawaii state foundation on culture and the
 11 arts to commission an artist to design and build a monument at
 12 the Filipino community center in Waipahu, Oahu, to commemorate
 13 and acknowledge Filipino veterans of World War II.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii state
 15 foundation on culture and the arts for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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H.B. NO. 942

Report Title:

World War II Filipino Veterans Monument; Filipino Community Center; Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Appropriation.

Description:

Appropriates funds for the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to commission an artist to design and build a monument at the Filipino Community Center in Waipahu, Oahu, that honors Filipino veterans of World War II.

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