

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 283, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY

BY

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Good Afternoon Chair Inouye and Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans' Services. I appreciate this opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Senate Bill 283 as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget.

This bill requests that Mokulele Highway be renamed to honor the sacrifices made by members, past, present, and those to come of the United States Armed Forces. Renaming this thoroughfare as the Maui Veteran's Highway will be a tangible and lasting tribute to all Veterans who have protected, sustained liberty and freedom, and enabled us to live the American way of life.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my comments.

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Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Senate Transportation Committee:

My name is Lloyd Sodetani, a retired Army veteran, former chair of the Office of Veterans Services Advisory Board, member of various veteran organizations on Maui, the State of Hawaii and National associations, and a native Mauian.

I submit testimony in support of renaming Mokulele Highway to "The WWII Veterans Highway." The historical significance of the surrounding geographical area accurately defines the suggested name. During WWII and shortly thereafter, the Puunene area was occupied and used by the US armed services, specifically, the Army Air Corps, Navy (naval air station) and the Marines. In the late 1940s military activities ceased and the facilities were turned over to civilian control. There are several structures that remain today that are used for other purposes to service the community.

I, as a veteran who served from 1968 to 1999, feel strongly that renaming the highway to "The WWII Veterans Highway" will recognized the contributions of those who served during that era and the importance of the operations toward the war efforts during that period.

Your favorable consideration to rename Mokulele Highway to "**THE WWII VETERANS HIGHWAY**" is highly recommended.

Respectfully,
LLOYD K. SODETANI

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