



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Higher Education
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by
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HB 1334 HD1 – RELATING TO LAND TRANSFER

Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Hashem and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in opposition to HB 1334– Relating to the University of Hawaii.

HB 1334 seeks to transfer two parcels of land (TMK #(1) 3-2-33:001 and #(1) 3-2-30:002) held by the University of Hawai'i ("University") to the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation to promote their mandate of providing affordable housing. The University purchased this land from Leahi Foundation through an order of condemnation "for the construction, establishment and expansion of Leahi Hospital." Since that time, the parcels in question have been managed under the auspices of Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation ("HHSC").

TMK # (1) 3-2-33:001 currently serves as the home to Leahi Hospital's Information Technology (IT) department and a parking structure that is actively used. The University has recently begun discussions with HHSC to relocate these activities onto the main lot that supports Leahi Hospital. Once relocation is successful, the University plans to monetize the property and/or develop it in alignment with the University's mission and purpose.

TMK # (1) 3-2-30:002 currently has no structures on it. However, according to HHSC and the State Department of Defense (DOD), this site is under consideration for a Veterans Long Term Care Facility and is subject to state and federal funding. While the University has not made any formal land commitment for this purpose at this time, we are working with these agencies to reasonably determine if these plans are likely to be realized in the near future. If the answer is in the negative, then the University plans to monetize the property and/or develop it in alignment with the University's mission and purpose.

Finally, the immediate measure serves to take land that the University paid for without compensation. It also dismisses the active and ongoing efforts of HHSC, DOD and the University to amicably address the University's desire to develop the lots in question without adversely impacting Leahi Hospital's operations and longer-term plans.

Based on the foregoing, the University strongly opposes HB 1334 HD1.

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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Thursday, February 16, 2017
2:04 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1334, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO LAND TRANSFER**

House Bill 1334, House Draft 1 proposes to transfer title, custody and control of two state parcels, identified as tax map key nos. 320300020000 and 320330010000 on Oahu from the University of Hawaii to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. These parcels are held in fee simple by the University of Hawaii, and as such, the Department of Land and Natural Resources takes no position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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In consideration of
H.B. 1334, H.D. 1
RELATING TO LAND TRANSFER.

The HHFDC **supports the intent** of providing more land and resources for affordable housing development.

However, we defer to the University of Hawaii as to their plans for the parcels cited in H.B. 1334, H.D. 1, and whether residential development of these specific parcels is feasible and in the best interests of the State given their current uses.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1334, HD1 (HSCR 153), LAND TRANSFER

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

BY

MR. RONALD P. HAN
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February 16, 2017
2:04 p.m.

Good afternoon, Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Hashem, and members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services. I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony **in opposition** of the concepts in House Bill 1334, HD1 (HSCR 153).

In regards to TMK # (1) 3-2-030:002; ~108,492 s.f., this parcel is currently being used as an open parking lot by Hawaii Health Systems Corporation/State Hospital (HHSC), Department of Health (DOH) and the Kapiolani Community College (KCC).

In collaborative sessions over the past few years between HHSC and State Department of Defense (DOD), this site is under strong consideration for the Second Veterans Long Term Care facility in Hawaii.

Currently, the 95-bed Yukio Okutsu Veterans Home in Hilo is the only VA long-term care facility that was designed, constructed and administered by the HHSC for veterans and their eligible dependents. Given the state's aging veteran population, there is a shortfall of 173 beds.

The proposed 120-bed Skilled Nursing Long Term Care Facility, approximately 135,000 Square Feet in size, will be designed to meet the necessary VA standards in order to qualify for and receive VA per diem reimbursements.

A Feasibility Study performed in 2014 confirmed the need for such a facility on the island of Oahu since almost two-thirds of the state's veteran population of approximately 121,000 reside here on Oahu. The study also noted that largest percentage of these veterans on Oahu (30.9%) reside in Urban Honolulu.

Although the study did not define a specific location for the project, the subject property was discussed as a potential candidate given its location within Urban Honolulu, its state ownership, its close proximity to Leahi Hospital and other health care facilities in Honolulu and the UH Nursing Program located at Kapiolani Community College, its accessibility to public transportation and overnight lodging accommodations, etc.

Under Act 122 SLH 2014, the legislature appropriated a total of \$5.5M in state and federal funds for the planning and design of the project, and under Act 124 SLH 2016, a total of \$62.813M in state and federal funds was appropriated for its construction. HHSC is currently pursuing the performance of a site selection study to evaluate this property and other potential sites to identify the best location for this project. We anticipate that the study will be completed before the end of 2017.

The OVS supports the concepts and intent expressed in this measure as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Veterans and their families.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1334
A BILL RELATING TO LAND TRANSFER

PRESENTATION TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

BY

MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL
15 February 2017

Late
Testimony

Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Hashem, and members of the Committee:

I am Major General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **IN OPPOSITION** of House Bill 1334.

The Department of Defense had collaborated with Hawaii Health Systems Corporation/State Hospital (HHSC) over the course of the last year in consideration for the Second Veterans Long Term Care facility in Hawaii.

HHSC is currently the expending agency for appropriated CIP funds to complete planning and initial design of the VA Long Term Care facility on Oahu and is responsible for completing a Site Selection Study which will finalize the recommended location for the VA Long Term Care facility. Because of this parcel's potential, any other determined use of this site should be made after HHSC completes the Site Selection Study

Thank you for allowing me to testify **IN OPPOSITION** of House Bill 1334.