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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 886, RELATING TO FILIPINO VETERANS

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

BY

MR. RONALD P. HAN  
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February 08, 2018  
10:00 a.m.

Good morning, Chair LoPresti, Vice Chair Fukumoto, 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 support** of the concepts in House Bill 886.

This measure appropriates funds to establish a Filipino Veterans Legacy Exhibit at the Honolulu International Airport honoring the uncommon commitment, valor and sacrifice of these unheralded warriors.

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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# HAWAI'I CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

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February 8, 2018  
Rm. 429, 10:00 a.m.

To: The Honorable Matthew S. LoPresti, Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs,  
& Culture and the Arts

From: Linda Hamilton Krieger, Chair  
and Commissioners of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission

Re: H.B. No. 886

The Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) has enforcement jurisdiction over Hawai'i's laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and access to state and state funded services. The HCRC carries out the Hawai'i constitutional mandate that no person shall be discriminated against in the exercise of their civil rights. Art. I, Sec. 5.

H.B. No. 886 appropriates funds for planning, design, and establishment of a Filipino Veterans Legacy Exhibit at the Honolulu International Airport, to honor Filipino veterans, including those from the Philippines, United States, and the Territory of Hawai'i, who fought under U.S. command during World War II.

The HCRC strongly supports H.B. No. 886. The time has come for long overdue recognition of the heroic contributions of Filipino veterans, surviving and deceased. The establishment of this permanent exhibit will serve to preserve and celebrate this history and educate visitors and residents alike about the remarkable contributions of Filipino World War II Veterans.

The HCRC strongly supports H.B. No. 886.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

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Testimony in Strong Support of

HB 886 RELATING TO FILIPINO VETERANS BURIAL ASSISTANCE

House Committee on Veterans, Military, International Affairs Culture & the Arts

State Capitol, House Conference Room 429

February 8, 10 a.m.

Chair LoPresti, Vice Fukukmoto and Committee Members

From: Amy Agbayani, chair Filipina Advocacy Network

Filipina Advocacy Network supports programs and policies that seek to equity for Filipinos and the status of Filipinos in Hawai'i. We support efforts to recognize diversity and inclusion in our multiethnic state. We support HB 886 honoring the WW II Filipino veterans by providing a visual reminder of their service and sacrifices. Having a Filipino Veterans Legacy Exhibit at the Dan Inouye International airport will educate residents of Hawai'i as well as visitors of our shared history and the role of Filipinos in WW2.

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**HB-886**

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Testimony for VMI on 2/8/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mike Golojuch	Rainbow Family 808	Support	No

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I strongly support HB886 that will recognize our Filipino Veterans with a Legacy Exhibit at the Honolulu International Airport.

Mike Golojuch, Lt Col, USAF(Ret)

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**HB-886**

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Testimony for VMI on 2/8/2018 10:00:00 AM

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Don Aweau		Support	No

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**HB-886**

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Testimony for VMI on 2/8/2018 10:00:00 AM

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wilfredo tungol		Support	No

Comments:

**Testimony in support of HB 886 Relating to Filipino Veterans**

**Hearing Date: Feb. 8, 2018 10:00 a.m.**

**Chair Lo Presti and members of the VMI committee:**

I am submitting my testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of this bill. My uncle was one of those heroic Filipino veterans who sacrificed his life fighting with the American armed forces in the Philippines during world war II. Today, we have some of the surviving Filipino veterans living here in Hawaii. A lot of the younger Filipino generation are not aware of the contributions of the Filipino veterans during World War II. A Filipino Veterans Legacy exhibit in the DKI International Airport will be a fitting tribute to these heroes. The late senator was very supportive of the Filipino veterans and instrumental in restoring some of their veteran benefitis.

I asked that you passed this bill favorably out of your committee.

Wilfredo Tungol (LTC, USAR, Ret.)