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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1893, HD1 SD1
A BILL RELATING TO THE OAHU REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

PRESENTATION TO

SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

BY

RONALD P. HAN JR., DIRECTOR, STATE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

April 5, 2022

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee.

I am Ron Han, Director, State Office of Veterans Services, and I am testifying in strong **SUPPORT** of HB 1893, HD1 SD1 Relating to the Oahu Regional Health Care System with the following comments.

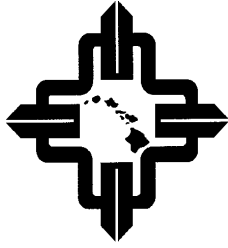
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DKA SVH is not seeking any government funds as this is intended to be a self-sustaining facility. Furthermore, the future success of DKA SVH depends upon the strict adherence to a timeline for construction and equipment completion, staffing, opening for patients, licensure/certification and census ramp up to capacity. This project process can only be met by transfer of DKA SVH to Oahu Regional Healthcare System in a timely fashion.

If this essential transfer timeline is not met, then all revenue projections are null / void and DKA SVH will stand vacant until this transfer can be effectively rectified thus denying critically needed services to our Hawaii Veterans.

Once again, thank you for your support and kokua for this measure that will align the administrative health care responsibilities of the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home under the Oahu Regional Healthcare System, HHSC. This will provide critically needed health care services and benefits to our Veterans and their eligible loved ones who are honored to call Hawaii their home.

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OAHU REGION HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran , Vice Chair

April 5, 2022, 10:15 A.M.
(Via Video Conference)
Conference Room 211
Hawaii State Capitol

Sean Sanada
Oahu Region Chief Administrative Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation
Re: Testimony in Support and Comments

HB 1893, HD1, SD1, Relating to the Oahu Regional Health Care System

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Aloha! We begin by thanking you, your colleagues, and your predecessors for your support and guidance as we have tried our best to navigate the many challenges posed by COVID-19 while, at the same time, developing important plans for the future of our facilities. Needless to say, we have placed a high value on the input provided regarding our current operations and strategic projects including, with emphasis, the management of the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home (hereinafter, “VA Home”) – which is being constructed to provide long term care services for veterans, their spouses, and gold-star parents.

Briefly stated, the Oahu Regional Health Care System (hereinafter, “Oahu Region”) **supports** this measure as it aims to place the VA Home under a state agency with experience managing long term care facilities. Although it will inherently be a different type of operation than Leahi Hospital and Maluhia (as it will be subject to additional Veterans Affairs regulations), we remain confident that the facility could be run effectively and in a fiscally responsible manner because: (1) we plan to manage the facility using the successful model implemented by the HHSC East Hawaii Region for the Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home in Hilo; and (2) the figures developed by the Hawaii Department of Defense (hereinafter, “DOD”) project a significant net revenue yield in just a few years.

While it is abundantly clear that this undertaking will require extensive planning, preparation, and resources, the Oahu Region and DOD are committed to doing what is necessary to make this long overdue project a success for our worthy veterans.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and provide comments on this important measure. We have also provided proposed amendments that we respectfully ask this Committee to adopt and pass as HB 1893 HD1, SD2.

Proposed HB 1893 HD1, SD2

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home is currently under construction with an expected completion date of spring 2023. State veterans homes are facilities that provide long-term care for veterans, their spouses, and gold-star parents. State veterans homes are funded primarily through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and medicare or medicaid funds.

The legislature further finds that the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home is currently being constructed by the department of defense and the department of accounting and general services. However, management, operation, and staffing of the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home should be placed under a state agency able to manage a long-term care facility.

The purpose of this Act is to transfer the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home to the Oahu regional health care system. ~~so that when the Oahu regional health care system is transferred from the Hawaii health systems corporation to the department of health pursuant to Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home will become part of the department of health.~~

PART II

SECTION 2. (a) No later than ~~December 31, 2022~~June 30, 2023, ~~or a date determined by the governor,~~ the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home on Oahu shall be assimilated into the Oahu regional health care system in a manner and to an extent that

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may be negotiated between the Oahu regional health care system and the department of defense. After assimilation, the physical assets and the ground lease of Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home shall become the property of the Oahu regional health care system and the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home shall be managed by the Oahu regional health care system.

(b) None of the liabilities of Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home in existence at the time the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home is assimilated into the Oahu regional health care system shall become liabilities of the Oahu regional health care system.

~~—— (c) The Oahu regional health care system, at its discretion, may retain any or all medical and nonmedical employees of Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home.~~

~~—— (d) The Oahu regional health care system, without regard to sections 321-B and 323F-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, may adjust the levels of services provided by Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home.~~

~~—— (e) The Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home shall be exempt from chapter 102 and section 103-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and its board of directors, if any, shall be exempt from part I of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes.~~

~~—— (f) The purchase of goods and services by or on behalf of the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home shall be exempt from chapters 103D and 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.~~

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~~(g) Employees of the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home shall be exempt from chapters 76, 87A, 88, and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and shall not be considered employees of the State.~~

~~PART III~~

~~SECTION 3. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding two new sections to part I to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:~~

~~"§321-A Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home; department authority. After the transfer of the Oahu regional health care system into the department is completed pursuant to Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, all rights, privileges, and obligations previously held by the Oahu regional health care system in relation to the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home shall continue to be held by the department. The department may:~~

~~(1) Conduct long-term care for veterans, their spouses, and gold star parents at the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home;~~

~~(2) Pay rent to the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation for the use of the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home property pursuant to an existing lease;~~

~~(3) Use moneys from the Department of Veterans Affairs established pursuant to An Act to Provide Aid to State and Territorial Homes for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors of the United States, approved August 27, 1888, or under any other Act or Acts of Congress for the benefit of the state veterans homes and other sources to fund the department's operations at the state veterans homes;~~

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~~(4) Without regard to chapter 91, develop and implement its own policies, procedures, and rules necessary or appropriate to plan, operate, manage, and control the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home;~~

~~(5) Enter into and perform any contract, lease, cooperative agreement, partnership, or other transaction that may be necessary or appropriate in the performance of its purposes and responsibilities, and on terms the department may deem appropriate with any:~~

~~(A) Agency or instrumentality of the United States;~~

~~(B) State, territory, possession, or subdivision thereof; or~~

~~(C) Person, firm, association, partnership, or corporation, whether operated on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis; provided that the transaction furthers the public interest;~~

~~(6) Conduct activities and enter into business relationships that the department deems necessary or appropriate, including:~~

~~(A) Creating nonprofit corporations, including nonprofit corporations for charitable fundraising, to be controlled wholly by the department or jointly with another entity; and~~

~~(B) Entering into partnerships and other joint venture arrangements or participating in alliances, purchasing consortia, health insurance pools, or other cooperative agreements with any public or private entity; provided that any corporation, venture, or relationship entered~~

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~~into under this section shall further the public interest;~~

~~—— (7) Make and alter facility bylaws and rules for the organization and management of the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home without regard to chapter 91;~~

~~—— (8) Contract for and accept any gifts, grants, and loans of funds or property, or any other aid in any form from the federal government, the State, any state agency, or any other source, or any combination thereof, and in compliance with the terms and conditions thereof;~~

~~—— (9) Provide health and medical services to the public directly or by agreement or lease with any person, firm, or private or public corporation, partnership, or association through or in the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home or otherwise; and~~

~~—— (10) Approve medical staff bylaws, rules, and medical staff appointments and reappointments for the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home, including determining the conditions under which a health professional may be extended the privilege of practicing within the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home, as determined by the department or facility management, and adopting and implementing reasonable rules, without regard to chapter 91, for the credentialing and peer review of all persons and health professionals within the facility; provided that the department or facility management shall be the governing body responsible for all medical staff organization, peer review, and credentialing activities to the extent allowed by law.~~

~~—— **§321-B Reduction or elimination of direct patient care services.** (a) No planned substantial reduction or elimination of direct patient care services at the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home shall be undertaken unless all of the following requirements are met:~~

~~—— (1) An initial determination is made by the department as to critical and emergency services, which shall not be subject to reduction or elimination pursuant to this section;~~

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~~(2) The plan of the facility to substantially reduce or eliminate any direct patient care services at the Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home shall first be presented to the director of health for approval;~~

~~(3) Subsequent to the requisite director approval, the department shall present the plan to the community in which the facility is located at a community informational meeting, in order to obtain community input on the plan; and~~

~~(4) After the community informational meeting, but at least twenty days prior to the implementation of the approved plan, the director shall give notice of the implementation of the plan to the governor, president of the senate, and speaker of the house of representatives.~~

~~(b) Upon meeting the requirements of subsection (a), the approved plan shall be implemented unless legislation has been enacted that:~~

~~(1) Requires the reinstatement and continuation of direct patient care services that are subject to reduction or elimination under the plan; and~~

~~(2) Includes an appropriation of additional moneys sufficient to adequately fund the mandated reinstatement and continuation of the direct patient care services that are subject to reduction or elimination under the plan."~~

PART IIIIV

~~SECTION 4. In codifying the new sections added by section 3 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating the new sections in this Act.~~

~~SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.~~

SECTION 36. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2060.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1893 HD1 SD1
A BILL RELATING TO THE OAHU REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

PRESENTATION TO SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

BY

KENNETH S. HARA,
MAJOR GENERAL, STATE ADJUTANT GENERAL

APRIL 5, 2022

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee.

I'm Major General Kenneth S. Hara, State Adjutant General, and I am testifying in strong **SUPPORT** of HB 1893 HD1 SD1, Relating to the Oahu Regional Health Care System.

The purpose of this legislation is to transfer the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home (DKA SVH) from Department of Defense (DOD) to the Oahu Regional Health Care System of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. DOD has neither the expertise nor legislative authority necessary to oversee a long-term care facility, however Oahu Regional Health Care System has both the expertise and legislative authority already in place.

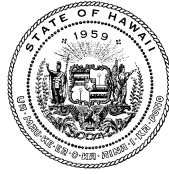
The DKA SVH will not require any additional state funds, as this is intended to be a self-sustaining facility.

If this transfer does not occur in a timely fashion, then all revenue projections are null / void and the DKA SVH will stand vacant until this transfer can be effectively rectified thus denying sorely needed services to our Hawaii Veterans.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this bill which is vitally important for our Hawaii Veterans.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
CURT T. OTAGURO, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022, 10:15 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 211, STATE CAPITOL

H.B. 1893, H.D. 1, S.D. 1

RELATING TO THE OAHU REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on H.B. 1893, H.D. 1, S.D. 1. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) strongly supports the intent of the bill to transfer the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home to the Oahu Regional Health Care System of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC).

DAGS understands and agrees with the State Office of Veterans Service's recognition that the Department of Defense (DOD) lacks the medical expertise and the legal flexibility to contract, administer and provide operational oversight for a long-term care facility, as well as legislative authority to create 501-c3 tax-free structures as does HHSC.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.



Maui County Veterans Council
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RE: HB 1893, SD1

April 2, 2022

In regards to the HB 1893, SD1 bill concerning placing the responsibility of the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home from DOD to Oahu Regional-Hawaii Health Systems Corp.

Please accept my support for this bill. It is important that the construction milestones of the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home stay on track to ensure our Veterans in the State of Hawaii receive the proper care and supportive services that this home will bring to our Veterans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha

Janna Hoehn
President
Maui County Veterans Council
Maui, Hawaii



Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 10:15 A.M.
Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

RE: HB 1893 HD1 SD1, RELATING TO THE OAHU REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

Chairs Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Military Affairs Council ("MAC") **supports** House Bill 1893 HD1 SD1 which requires the transfer of the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home to the Oahu Regional Health Care System and then to the Department of Health as part of the Oahu Regional Health Care System transfer pursuant to Act 212, SLH 2021.

The Hawaii Military Affairs Council (MAC) was established in 1985 when the Chamber was appointed by the State to serve as the liaison to the military. The MAC advocates on behalf of Hawaii's military, and is comprised of business leaders, academic institutions, State and County officials, members of the CODEL, community leaders, labor unions and organizations and retired U.S. flag and general officers. The MAC works to support Hawaii's location as a strategic U.S. headquarters in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region which is crucial for U.S. national and homeland security.

The new Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home in Kapolei will serve as Oahu's second state Veteran home with 120-beds. It is scheduled to be completed in April 2023 to support the approximately 117,000 Veterans living in Hawai'i, of which approximately two thirds reside on Oahu. The facility will target both long-term and short-term stay Veteran populations, eligible spouses, and Gold Star parents.

We respectfully urge the legislature for your favorable support to ensure that the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home will be completed in time and does not stand vacant when it is complete in 2023. It will not serve in the best interest of Veterans in need, the community, and the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for this measure.



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The Thirty-First Legislature, State of Hawaii
The Senate
Committee on Ways and Means

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

April 5, 2022

H.B. 1893, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 – RELATING TO THE
OAHU REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO would like to offer comments and a proposed amendment to H.B. 1893, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 which transfers the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home to the Oahu Regional Health Care System and then to the Department of Health when the Oahu Regional Health Care System is transferred from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to the Department of Health.

We agree that the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home should be placed under the Oahu Regional Health Care System and are supportive of the eventual transfer of the Oahu Regional Health Care System to the Department of Health. However, we do not support, and we strongly oppose the provisions in this legislation stating that employees of the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home would not be state/public employees and that they would be exempt from Chapters 76, 87A, 88, and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Employees of the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home should be public employees and treated no differently to staff in the same or similar job classes at other Oahu Region long-term care facilities and the Department of Health where the Oahu Regional Health Care System will eventually be transferred.

We respectfully ask that the bill be amended to state that employees of the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home will be considered state/public employees and will not be exempt from Chapters 76, 87A, 88, and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Randy Perreira
Executive Director

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

RELATING TO THE OAHU REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

Support HB 1893, SD1

Good morning Senators, my name is Carswell J. Ross, Jr, .CMSgt. I am a retired State of Hawaii employee and a retired member of the Hawaii Air National Guard. I strongly support this measure which seeks the transfer of the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home to the Oahu Regional Health Care System and then to the Department of Health as part of the Oahu Regional Health Care System. It is imperative that the construction milestones of the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home stay on track to ensure our Veterans in the State receive the proper care and supportive services that this home will bring.

Thank You for affording me the opportunity to testify in support of this Bill.

Chief Master Sergeant Carswell J. Ross, Jr. MA, Hawaii Air National Guard Retired

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1893, HD1, SD1
A BILL RELATING TO THE OAHU REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

PRESENTATION TO
SENANT WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

BY

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Healthcare Coordinator
Office of Veterans Services
Department of Defense
State of Hawaii

APRIL 5, 2022

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee.

I'm Tommy Driskill and I am testifying in strong **SUPPORT** of HB 1893 HD1, SD1, Relating to the Oahu Regional Healthcare System.

Based upon my past years of experience as President/CEO, Hawaii Health Systems Corp (HHSC) Aug 1997 to Dec 2009, during which time I oversaw the planning, construction, opening and initial operation of multiple healthcare facilities here in Hawaii including the Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home in Hilo, I feel uniquely qualified to fully **SUPPORT** the purpose of this legislation to transfer the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home (DKA SVH) to the Oahu Regional Healthcare System.

The Department of Defense (DOD) has worked hard to promote and support the DKA SVH project under their administration, but they do not have **EITHER** the medical expertise for management of a long-term care facility, **NOR** the legal flexibility/authority to provide operational oversight for a long-term care facility. The only state agency with both the capability and the right legislative authorities already in place to oversee a long-term care facility is HHSC, with its regions.

Summary Details:

- DKA SVH is a 120 bed, two story Skilled Nursing Facility, with 130,000 sq ft located on seven acres in Kapolei with total cost \$98.4M jointly funded jointly by Federal and State appropriations. Following Hilo, DKA SVH will be our second SVH here in Hawaii.
- Construction on the DKA SVH started in April 2021 and is currently close to 45% completion. The construction is projected to be finished in April 2023 with patient admissions starting in October 2023.
- DOD has already executed a 99 years lease with the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC), owner of the seven acre parcel in Kapolei, with no payments up to 2025 followed by a tier-up rent capped annual payment starting in 2026

dependent on the revenue earned by the facility. Since HB 1893 HD1, SD1, proposes that Oahu Regional Healthcare system, HHSC replace DOD as the owner and operator, DOD will coordinate this transition with HHFDC to ensure there will no issues with changing the agency and updating the lease.

- DOD has completed and received Certificate of Need (CON) approval from the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) effective February 4, 2022.
- DOD will continue to provide oversight for the construction and furnishing/equipping of DKA SVH in close coordination with Oahu Regional Healthcare System, HHSC.
- Following the current project timeline plan, once fully operational, DKA SVH will be a profitable, self-sustaining facility.
- **The DKA SVH does not require any State appropriation in the 2022 legislative session or future sessions.**

Consulting with industry experts, and taking all pandemic considerations into account, we have developed and updated a conservative set of revenue projections for DKA SVH that identifies a revenue profit for the facility in FY25 that is projected to be over \$4M and in FY26 over \$6M with a positive revenue stream comparable to these amounts in the outyears. Thus DKA SVH will be a self-sustaining entity requiring no further State appropriations.

Finally and Most Importantly, the future self-sustaining success of DKA SVH now depends upon one essential point:

Strict adherence to a timeline for construction and equipment completion, staffing, opening for patients, licensure/certification and census ramp up to capacity. This project process can only be met by transfer of DKA SVH to Oahu Regional Healthcare System in a timely fashion.

If this essential transfer timeline is not met, then all revenue projections are null / void and DKA SVH will stand vacant until this transfer can be effectively rectified during which time critically needed services will be denied to our Hawaii Veterans.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this measure to ensure the Veterans of the State of Hawaii are properly and safely cared for in a facility that is aligned with the appropriate State healthcare entity and structured for success as a self-sustaining entity that will not require future State appropriations.

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Submitted on: 4/3/2022 12:53:18 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James H. Traxler	Testifying for State Veterans Advisory Board	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of this measure, it is important that the construction milestones of the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home stay on track to ensure our Veterans in the State receive the proper care and supportive services that this home will bring.

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Submitted on: 4/3/2022 8:53:32 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Kay Hertog	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a veteran living in Hawaii I cannot stress how important it is that the construction milestones of the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home stay on track to insure our Hawaii veterans receive the proper care and supportive services this home will bring.

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Submitted on: 4/4/2022 8:32:22 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Blair Suzuki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and Senators of WAM Committee,

I am writing in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB1893. It is important that the construction milestones stay on track for the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home. Many members of the veteran community are looking forward to this home being as operational as soon as possible. The construction milestones are currently on track, but if the facility is not transferred to the Oahu Regional Health Care System, then the home will not be able to open and serve veterans once finished. The State DoD OVS office does not have the capability to be the healthcare management agency for this home. They have done the majority of the legwork to date making this home a reality and now it needs to be set up for healthcare professionals to take over the management and operation of the facility once built.

Mahalo,

Blair Suzuki

Vice-Chair

State Advisory Board on Veterans' Services

HB-1893-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2022 8:46:20 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bridget Komine	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators Dela Cruz and Keith-Agaran,

I am submitting testimony in support of HB1893. The success of the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home will rely on a health care system that can provide long term health care to Hawaii's veteran community. The planned transfer of the home detailed in this bill will ensure the services our veterans need and deserve.

Thank you for your consideration,
Bridget Komine