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Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

Aloha kakou,

On behalf of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i (JCCH), I'd like to submit testimony of strong support for SCR147 and SR125.

Since the first arrival of the Japanese in 1868, Hawai'i and Japan have fostered a strong bond with each other. With a foundation of shared cultural values between the Native Hawaiian, Japanese, and other ethnic communities, Hawai'i's tapestry of culture and understanding has grown stronger. World War II tested the strength of our bond; however, it only proved that bond to be nearly unbreakable.

We encourage the State of Hawai'i to recognize the tremendous losses of war so that we may never forget and may never repeat history. With the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, let us remember the costly price of lessons learned and our vigilant efforts for enduring peace.

With Aloha,

Nate Gyotoku
President & Executive Director