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SCR 147/SR125
**RELATING TO WORLD WAR II, JAPAN, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PEARL HARBOR,
NUCLEAR BOMBS, COMMEMORATION**

Dear Chair Lee and members of the Committee,

The State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) **SUPPORTS** S.C.R.147/S.R.125 requesting the SFCA to plan and construct a memorial to properly honor the lives lost in Hawaii and Japan as a result of World War II.

If it is the desire of the Legislature, the SFCA will form an Art Advisory Committee (AAC) following the SFCA's collection management policy for all new works of art. AAC's assist with the selection of location, defining the medium and theme of the work of art, recommending and artist, and review of design proposals.

SFCA supports the future appropriation of funding to implement the proposed intent, provided doing so does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive budget.

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



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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 Gytoku
President & Executive Director