



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SB 1215 RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS

Chairs Espero and Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committees:

SB 1215 transfers 1.5 acres adjacent to the approximately 3.993 acres set aside by Executive Order No. 3791, to the University of Hawai'i Kapi'olani Community College, for a proposed Legacy Center for the 100th/442nd RCT.

Kapi'olani Community College is very supportive of the efforts to create a Legacy Center for the 442nd regiment. We have worked with the Sons and Daughters of the 442nd in the past on developing public exhibitions and on-line materials related to the history of the 442nd. We hope to continue working with them wherever the ultimate site for the center is located.

While the land across from the campus could be ideal, at this time the possibility of UH acquiring that land has not been discussed with the UH Board of Regents or with Department of Land and Natural Resources. Should the Legislature wish us to enter into such discussions, we would be happy to do so.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.