



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SB 1215, SD1 RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Solomon, and Members of the Committee:

SB 1215, SD1 creates a task force under the University of Hawai'i Kapi'olani Community College to conduct a study of the feasibility of transferring the lands currently under the jurisdiction of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to the University of Hawai'i Kapi'olani Community College for a Legacy Center for the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Kapi'olani Community College is very supportive of the efforts to create a Legacy Center for the 442nd regiment. We have been working with the Sons and Daughters of the 442nd on their efforts to develop public exhibitions and on-line materials related to the history of the 442nd. We hope to continue working with them on this very worthwhile project.

We do not feel, however, that it is necessary to create a task force to conduct a study on the feasibility relating to lands for the location of the Legacy Center. We are already in discussion with DLNR and the Veterans group on seeking the best site for this Legacy Center.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.