

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 15 , 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 24
S.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Technology, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 24, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO MAINTAIN ALL REFERENCES TO THE 100TH INFANTRY BATTALION AND 442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM ON ITS WEBSITES FOR THE PUBLIC,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to strongly urge the United States Department of Defense to maintain all references to the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team on its websites to allow the public and future generations to understand the historical importance of these military units.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Military Affairs Council; Nisei Veterans Legacy; 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans; Hawaii J20+; Hawaii Coalition for Civil Rights; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team were Japanese-American units renowned for their service during the Second World War. Your Committee further finds that the Pentagon removed information pertaining to these units from the United States Army's official website as a part of the federal purge of content identified as being related

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to diversity, equity, and inclusion. This measure seeks to protect the legacies of these units and ensure that the public has access to information related to them.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 24, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Technology,



GREGGORY ILAGAN, Chair

