

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 14, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 1317
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 1317, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JAPANESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to preserve, perpetuate, and share the legacy of the Japanese-American service members who served in the United States Armed Forces during World War II, and those Japanese-American citizens detained in internment camps. Specifically, this bill:

- (1) Appropriates funds to be used as matching funds for fiscal year 2013-2014 and fiscal year 2014-2015 for the planning, design, and construction of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center;
- (2) Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to report to the Legislature on the status of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center, including funding;
- (3) Appropriates funds to be used as matching funds to continue the work of the Honouliuli Park Site Project Advisory Group; and



- (4) Requires the Honouliuli Park Site Project Advisory group to submit a report to the Legislature regarding:
 - (A) The recommendations for leveraging funds for an educational center related to the Honouliuli Internment Site; and
 - (B) The status of designating the Honouliuli Internment Site and associated sites as part of the United States National Park Service.

The 442nd Veterans Club, 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Office of Veterans Services, University of Hawaii-West Oahu, and Hawaii Civil Rights Commission testified in support of the intent of this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the funds appropriated as matching funds for the planning, design, and construction of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center shall be expended by the University of Hawaii rather than the Department of Land and Natural Resources;
- (2) Requiring the University of Hawaii, rather than the Department of Land and Natural Resources, to report to the Legislature on the status of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center, including funding;
- (3) Clarifying that the funds appropriated as matching funds to continue the work of the Honouliuli Park Site Project Advisory Group shall be expended by the Department of Land and Natural Resources rather than the University of Hawaii; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1317, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1317, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Veterans,
Military, & International
Affairs, & Culture and the
Arts,


K. MARK TAKAI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

Bill/Resolution No.: <u>SB1317, SD2</u>	Committee Referral: <u>YMI, HED, FIN</u>	Date: <u>3/13/13</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
VMI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAI, K. Mark (C)	✓			
2. ITO, Ken (VC)	✓			
3. BROWER, Tom	✓			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.				✓
6. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. MCDERMOTT, Bob				✓
TOTAL (10)	8			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. Committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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