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Hawaii Community Development Authority
547 Queen Street
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RE: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 - VA Clinic Development Permit Application (Kalaeloa)

Aloha Chair and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the VA Clinic Development Permit Application.

My name is Donovan Maples and I support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa because of the huge population of vets in this area. I own and operate 5 restaurants on Oahu one being 60fore Bar and Grill located at Barbers Point Golf Course. We have the pleasure of visiting with many retired vets that play golf here as well as visit our other eateries. After getting to know many of them, I definitely feel this area could greatly benefit from having a clinic that can be of service to them right in our back yard.

There are over 87,000 Veterans on Oahu. The demand for specialty physical and mental health services continues to grow and the need for a new facility to supplement the care given at Tripler Army Medical Center is needed as soon as possible.

I respectfully ask that the HCDA Board approves the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa.

Mahalo,

Donovan Maples
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Hawaii Community Development Authority
547 Queen Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 - VA Clinic Development Permit Decision Making Hearing
(Kalaeloa)**

Aloha Chair and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the VA Clinic Development Permit Application.

My name is Mark Sickert and I support the proposed VA Clinic in Kalaeloa. As a 60 percent Disabled Veteran I use a variety of VA services and participate in the Million Veteran Program (MVP). I reside in Ewa Beach and currently use the VA Clinic at Tripler AMC. A VA Clinic at Kalaeloa would be much more convenient for me and save time and costs and reduce traffic congestion on our already overloaded transportation systems.

There are over 87,000 Veterans on Oahu. The demand for specialty physical and mental health services continues to grow and the need for a new facility to supplement the care given at Tripler Army Medical Center is needed as soon as possible.

I respectfully ask that the HCDA Board approves the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa.

Thank you. Mark Sickert

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547 Queen Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 - VA Clinic Development Permit Decision Making Hearing
(Kalaeloa)**

July 30, 2021

Aloha Chair and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority:

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the VA Clinic Development Permit Application.

My name is Rayna Toyama, local resident and community business owner. My 'Ohana is from the West side of O'ahu and are in support of the growth in both residential as well as commercial developments in the area.

My grandfather was a Veteran who frequented Tripler Army Medical Center prior to his passing at the age 94 years old. I took on the responsibility of transporting my grandfather to his multiple monthly visits to the VA clinic. It was a challenge to organize my schedule around his doctor's appointments, but I always made it happen as it was a priority for me. The employee's at the VA clinic were always compassionate and took the time to listen to my grandfather's stories about the past. He felt like family there, not just a patient.

There are many Veterans that reside on the West Side of O'ahu who are in need of housing as well as critical medical care. A facility in our area will make it possible for our Veterans to get the medical care they need and deserve. Many of them do not have family or friends that are able to help with the transportation to Tripler which means the Veteran doesn't get the medical care they need. The Kapolei clinic would eliminate this transportation barrier for these patients.

Over the years I've noticed an increase in homeless Veterans in Kapolei. It appears that many of these Veterans are suffering from mental health illness and may not be receiving the consistent care that is needed for them to live a healthy life. Having a facility in our town will make it possible to better the mental and physical lives of our Veterans which will also positively impact our community.

I respectfully urge the HCDA Board to approve the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa. The time to make a difference is now.

Mahalo,



Rayna Toyama

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<p>My name is Paul Berardo, a U.S. marine Corps 30 year veteran. I have lived in Kapolei for the past 13 years. I fully support this project. Over these past years and due to my disabilities I have visited the current VA facility on Tripler many times. This new facility will be a God send as now I will not have to take off a full day of work to get to Tripler and fight traffic coming back home. This facility will be minutes away. Could not come soon enough, thank you.</p> <p>Paul</p>

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RE: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 - VA Clinic Development Permit Application (Kalaeloa)

Aloha Chair and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the VA Clinic Development Permit Application.

My name is Evalani Exner and I support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa because many of our Veterans need assistance closer to home. I personally, have been troubled by friends who cannot get to Tripler or once they are there, spend many hours waiting. The stress put on by traffic or time wasted from their day makes them not want to get the help needed. Kapolei is touted as a second city and needs to accommodate our Veterans as well.

There are over 87,000 Veterans on Oahu. The demand for specialty physical and mental health services continues to grow and the need for a new facility to supplement the care given at Tripler Army Medical Center is needed as soon as possible.

I respectfully ask that the HCDA Board approves the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa.

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**RE: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 - VA Clinic Development Permit Decision Making Hearing
(Kalaeloa)**

Aloha Chair and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the VA Clinic Development Permit Application.

My name is Brad Sekigawa and I support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa because I believe in supporting our veterans who sacrificed so much in the service of our nation.

There are over 87,000 Veterans on Oahu. The demand for specialty physical and mental health services continues to grow and the need for a new facility to supplement the care given at Tripler Army Medical Center is needed as soon as possible.

I respectfully ask that the HCDA Board approves the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa.

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Hawaii Community Development Authority 547 Queen Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 RE: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 - VA Clinic Development Permit Decision Making Hearing (Kalaeloa) Aloha Chair and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority: Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the VA Clinic Development Permit Application. My name is Chris Woodward and I support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa. I have utilized the VA since returning from Afghanistan in 2010. I have found the VA exceptionally responsive to my medical needs. The VA's skill, helpfulness kindness and quality of care is world class. With the largest veteran's population in the state of Hawaii living on West Oahu the need for the clinic in Kalaeloa is great. There are over 87,000 Veterans on Oahu. The demand for specialty physical and mental health services continues to grow and the need for a new facility to supplement the care given at Tripler Army Medical Center is needed as soon as possible. I respectfully ask that the HCDA Board approves the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa. Very Respectfully, Chris Woodward CAPT USN ret.

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**RE: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 - VA Clinic Development Permit Decision Making Hearing
(Kalaeloa)**

Aloha Chair and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the VA Clinic Development Permit Application.

My name is Kevin Rathbun and I strongly support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa. I utilize my VA Medical Benefits on a regular basis and having a clinic in West Oahu will enhance my quality of life by spending less time on the road to get to my appointments. It is almost 20 miles from Ewa Beach to the VA Clinic in Honolulu and if you have an early morning appointment at least 1.5 hours is required to get there, find a parking spot and go through the check in process. Also adding a new VA Clinic will balance out the patient load and increase services capacity.

There are over 87,000 Veterans on Oahu. The demand for specialty physical and mental health services continues to grow and the need for a new facility to supplement the care given at Tripler Army Medical Center is needed as soon as possible.

I respectfully ask that the HCDA Board approves the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa.

Kevin M. Rathbun
Command Master Chief
United States Navy, Retired

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RE: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 - VA Clinic Development Permit Decision Making Hearing
(Kalaeloa)

Aloha Chair and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the VA Clinic Development Permit Application.

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My name is Gregory Williams and I am the Program Director of U.S.VETS Barbers Point and a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel. U.S.VETS is the largest non-profit service provider in the nation whose mission is to provide comprehensive supportive services to homeless and at-risk veterans and their families. U.S.VETS Barbers Point is located within a mile of the proposed VA clinic, and our Barbers Point location has served over 3,500 veterans in our transitional programs since our inception in Hawai'i since 2003. This past program year we served 1,309 veterans at our Barbers Point location across our program scope. Our program's success is in large part because of the great partnership we have with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Our collaboration has been paramount in the success of our veterans' lives and in the impact of our organization in our community. For all the above stated, I strongly support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa.

Many veterans we serve require some type of VA clinic support and treatment. Since the Spark M. Matsunaga VA Medical Center is co-located with Tripler Army Medical Center in the Moanalua area, U.S.VETS provides and facilitates transportation services for these veterans 3 times per day so we can support the continuity of care that we know to be most vital in their transition to independence. Although we have been providing transportation services to the VA in Moanalua for the past 18 years, the geographic location of the VA has posed inherent challenges because of the distance between the VA and our site in Kalaeloa. Some of these challenges include but are not limited to: (1) increased commute time spent with growing traffic which allows for less time spent on direct services, (2) veteran treatment adherence due to the location and (3) long veteran wait times at the VA in between transportation bus rides since U.S.VETS can only reasonably provide 3 round trips per day. The new VA clinic's proximity allows my staff time to prioritize veteran direct service needs due to less commute time. The geographic location will be extremely convenient. Additionally, it has a great potential to ensure treatment adherence since veterans will be residing much closer to the clinic.

We think it is worth mentioning that a substantial change in treatment accessibility and adherence was seen when the Department of the VA's Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) opened at Queen's West O'ahu. Although this CBOC was not equipped to provide full clinic services like the VA in Moanalua, having the resource located closer to our facility contributed to continuity of care and, ultimately, better outcomes. If this clinic had an impact, even when it was not providing all the VA services, it is fair to assume that this new VA clinic will yield even better positive outcomes.



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There are over 87,000 Veterans on O'ahu. The demand for specialty physical and mental health services continues to grow and the need for a new facility to supplement the care given at Tripler Army Medical Center is needed as soon as possible. And, as a veteran service provider and a retired Veteran myself, I can confidently assert that this clinic is not only an asset to our community on the west side, but a necessity. I strongly support the development of this clinic and I respectfully request that the HCDA Board approves the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory A. Williams
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VA Clinic Development Permit Application (Kalaeloa)- August 4, 2021

Aloha Hawaii Community Development Authority:

I am submitting testimony **in support** of the VA Clinic Development Permit Application.

The proposed Veteran Affairs clinic in Kalaeloa will benefit our veterans in so many ways. This clinic is being built at a time when the amount of veterans needing services is rising and rising.

The demand for specialty physical and mental health services continues to grow and the need for a new facility to supplement Tripler Army Medical Center is essential. In fact, there was an article just in the Star-advefrtiser that described the issue with parking at Tripler. This was a huge problem for my grandpa and I am glad to learn the VA is providing so much parking for this clinic.

I hope you approve the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa so we can continue to provide the medical services these veterans need and deserve after serving our country.

Thank you,
Alicia Thompson

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<p>My name is Peter Paul Pinto and I support the proposed VA in Kalaeloe because I believe it would benefit a lot of veterans on the West-side of Oahu. I know a lot of Vets don't like to travel all the way to Tripler Army Hospital, it would benefit use on the west-side. I served in 1982-85 in the United States Army station in Germany. In October 13, 1984 while we was on a mission unfortunately something happen to me(raped) that cause me to fall into depression, over eating(coping with my depression) I don't drink or do drugs. I learn how to compress my deepest demons. My sister works at the VA, for 13yrs she been trying get me service connected. I DID WANT TO GO ALL THE WAY IN TOWN BECAUSE THE TRAVEL WAS TO FAR!!!! I finally got service connected 4yrs ago. I'm a disabled veteran and was diagnose with PTSD/MST, BECAUSE WHAT HAPPEN TO ME. I go to MENTAL Health at the VA. Sometimes I don't like to go because of the traffic and parking sucks because you have to compete against regular army personnel and employees. So I get discouraged to go because I'm late and get trigger off. Building a VA clinic in KALAELOA would Benefit a lot of Veterns who has similar or other health problems. Please HELP us Veterans who helped you have your Freedom.</p> <p>Sincerely Peter Paul Pinto</p>

Kidder, Kapilialoha K

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<p>As a business owner, I support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa.</p> <p>This VA clinic will help our veterans and stimulate Hawaii's economy, delivering economic benefits and jobs when they are most needed. This project creates nearly 400 construction and development-related jobs during construction and over 200 permanent jobs when the clinic opens.</p> <p>I respectfully ask that the HCDA Board approves the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa for all of these reasons.</p> <p>Mahalo,</p> <p>Bob Barrett President/Owner, Coastal Windows</p>

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<p>I fully support this initiative.</p> <p>There are so many Veterans living in Kapolei and it is difficult for them (us) to travel all the way into Honolulu for most of their (our) medical treatment.</p> <p>It takes approximately an hour and a half of travel to get into and out of Honolulu for the medical support.</p> <p>Having a VA Clinic in Kapolei would be very helpful for the local Veterans.</p> <p>Jason Seal</p>

Kidder, Kapilialoha K

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Hawaii Community Development Authority
547 Queen Street
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RE: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 Hearing - VA Clinic Development Permit Application (Kalaeloa)

Aloha Chair and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority:

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the VA Clinic Development Permit Application.

The proposed Veteran Affairs clinic in Kalaeloa will significantly benefit West Oahu by providing critically needed medical services for our growing veteran population. This clinic is being built at a time that the amount of veterans needing services is steadily increasing due to more recent conflicts.

Currently, there are over 87,000 Veterans in the City and County of Honolulu. The demand for specialty physical and mental health services continues to grow and the need for a new facility to supplement the care given at Tripler Army Medical Center is essential.

While there are veterans in every neighborhood across the state, West Oahu has a very large and growing veteran population. By building the clinic closer to where our veterans live, this provides easier access for those needing services, especially for those without reliable transportation and mobility issues.

In closing, I urge you to approve the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa so we can continue to provide the medical services these veterans need and deserve after serving our country so faithfully.

Mahalo,
David O'Neal

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BUILDING A VA CLINIC AT KALAELOA
Submitted by CMDCM(AW) Bev Brennan, USN, Ret

Good Morning –

I'm Command Master Chief Bev Brennan, USN, Retired and the co-owner of the Barbers Point Bowling Center on Kalaeloa. I'm honored to be able to give testimony in support of a Leeward VA Clinic.

I retired in 2000 after serving just over 30 years of active service. I made 4 combat deployments during my last 9 years of service, three from NAS Barbers Point and the final one from MCAS Kaneohe Bay after NAS Barbers Point was closed.

When I retired, I knew I was going to have to make the drive from Makakilo to the Spark Matsunaga VA Medical Center to apply for my benefits and receive treatment. I've never sat in traffic ... on purpose. So I'd leave home not later than 0500, arrive around 0520, found a handicap spot to park my car, then sat and waited for my 0900 appointment. When Queens West offered space, I was so happy to find out that my doctor was one of the ones moving. I now could leave at 0820 and be in the parking

lot by 0835.

And now ... finally ... it's our turn. It's long past time that we take care of the Veterans on the west side. And fully take care of them. I've had great care from the VA out here but the services are very limited. Primary care and basic labs by appointment only. For anything else, it was back to the main VA. The Vet Center in Kapolei is great for mental health issues, but only if you're a combat vet. All others go to the main VA. I'm fairly certain we lost some along the way.

The proposal for the new VA Outpatient Clinic is exciting. In addition to Primary Care and basic labs, we'll have access to X-ray, Pharmacy, Diagnostic services, Specialty Care, and most important of all – Mental Health services, all under one roof.

A few things have come to mind since my last testimony. One thing I would ask, and this would be the VA's kuleana, is to fully staff the number of VA primary care doctors to cover the Veterans out here. My guess would be a minimum of 10. Another important service would be transportation for the Vets to the clinic. I know the VA provides this. We would just need to get them from the Spark. My last recommendation concerns parking. I'm sure there will be a call for EV spots in addition to HDCP parking. Please keep in mind most EV drivers are not handicapped, can walk longer distances, and don't need to be parked near the building. Lets save those for Veterans with handicap placards.

Thanks to Steve Colon and Thomas Lee and the staff of the Hunt Companies for stepping up to meet this challenge. The impact this clinic will have on over 87,000 veterans is immeasurable, but know that this veteran appreciates your efforts and gives you a hearty "WELL DONE".

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Hawaii Community Development Authority 547 Queen Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 RE: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 - VA Clinic Development Permit Decision Making Hearing (Kalaeloa) Aloha Chair and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority: Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the VA Clinic Development Permit Application. My name is Victor Flint and I strongly support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa. I am a disabled Vietnam-era veteran and retired Federal Fire Battalion Chief. My son is also a 100% disabled veteran. The VA ALOHA clinic is a much needed facility for our veterans in West O'ahu and on our island to meet the demand and use. There are over 87,000 Veterans on Oahu. The demand for specialty physical and mental health services continues to grow and

the need for a new facility to supplement the care given at Tripler Army Medical Center is needed as soon as possible.

I respectfully ask that the HCDA Board approves the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa.

Respectfully,

Victor

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Hawaii Community Development Authority
547 Queen Street
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August 4, 2021-Decision Making Hearing

Subject: VA Aloha, LLC Development Permit Application to build a Department of Veterans Affairs Multi-Specialty Outpatient Clinic (“VA Clinic” or “Project”).

Dear Chair and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority,

Introduction

My name is Johnathen Kawakami, an entering second year law student (2L) at the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa. This written testimony is made pursuant to the Public Notice issued pertaining to the Development Permit Application, dated June 1, 2021, by VA Aloha, LLC, for the construction of a Veterans Multi-Specialty Outpatient Clinic (“VA Clinic”).

Position

This written testimony, generally, takes the position of supporting the development of a VA Clinic. The public testimonies received on July 6 and 7, 2021 appear to support the development of the Project. Additionally, various comments received from multiple Agencies, respectfully, have brought to your attention, guidance, rules or regulations that should be considered with this Application. For example, the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation referred to the Federal Aviation Administration regulation requiring the submission of a Notice of Proposed Construction or alteration pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations or due to the proximity to the airport, the developers and users of the clinic should be aware of potential single event noise from aircraft operations.¹ The State of Hawaii Department of Transportation provided other comments as did other Agencies.

My general support for a VA Clinic is based on Section 205E-5.6(j) of the Hawaii Revised Statute (HRS) which states, in short, the Authority “shall not approve any developer's proposal to develop lands under the authority's control unless the authority finds that the proposed development project is reasonable and is consistent with the development rules and policies of the relevant development district.”² The VA Clinic supports the need for benefits for individuals that have served or are serving the Country. Although this written testimony only serves as a general comment in support for the Project, the various Agencies that have provided comments bear significant weight given their experience and knowledge in the area.

¹ Letter from Jade T. Butay Director of Transportation, Subject: Development Permit Application Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Multi-Specialty Outpatient Clinic Kalaeloa, Oahu, Hawaii Tax Map Key: (1) 9-1-013: 002 (por); (July 1, 2021) (on file with Authority) <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/files/2021/06/Agency-Comments-for-KAL-21-006-VA-Clinic-7-1-2021.pdf> (last accessed August 3, 2021).

² HAW. REV. STAT. ANN. § 206E-5.6(j) (2019).

Conclusion

In conclusion, I generally support the application for a VA Clinic and thank the Chair and members for an opportunity to participate through written submission.

Respectfully,

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TESTIMONY OF THE HAWAII LABORERS' UNION LOCAL 368

MEETING: The Hawaii Community Development Authority

DATE: August 4, 2021

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

Re: Testimony in Support of VA ALOHA, LLC, Application for Multi-Specialty Outpatient Clinic for Department of Veterans Affairs

Aloha HCDA Chair, Kalaeloa Board Members, Director Neupane, and HCDA staff,

The Hawaii Laborers' Union Local 368 and its 5,000 working and retired men and women across the state of Hawaii **supports VA ALOHA LLC's** project to build an Outpatient Clinic for the Department of Veterans Affairs. This VA Clinic is to be named after former U.S. Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka, who first spearheaded the project with the intent to bring much needed services and benefits to veterans in West Oahu.

Once completed the VA Clinic will provide primary care, physical therapy, dental, female veterans care, mental health, audiology, and other services. The 88,675 square-foot multi-specialty clinic will provide convenient access for all veterans living and working in West Oahu. With construction expected to begin by the end of this year, this Certified Green Building will help alleviate traffic, open more than 500 parking spaces, while also creating 200 permanent jobs at the facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our testimony in support.

Respectfully,

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Department of Veterans Affairs Multi-Specialty Outpatient Clinic Project (Decision-Making Hearing)

Wednesday, August 4, 2021
11:00 A.M.

Aloha Chair Whalen and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority:

Pacific Resource Partnership writes in **strong support** of the Department of Veterans Affairs Multi-Specialty Outpatient Clinic ("VA Clinic").

The proposed VA Clinic is a new state-of-the-art facility at Kalaeloa in West Oahu that will provide health care services for Oahu's veterans who served our country, both domestically and abroad, to protect our freedoms. The VA Clinic will provide veterans with important benefits, resources, and services to enhance the quality of their lives.

Additionally, this project will help to stimulate Hawaii's economy by generating about 400 construction jobs and more than 200 permanent jobs at the new facility. Construction is expected to begin by the end of this year with a goal for services by the second half of 2023.

Given the above, PRP respectfully requests HCDA's favorable decision for this project.

