

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2555 H.D. 1
A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE
HAWAII CIVIL AIR PATROL

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE
DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

March 14, 2008

Chair Inouye and Committee Members:

I am Major General Bob Lee, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing testimony on House Bill 2555 HD1.

This proposed bill will provide funds to augment the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol's small annual budget. State general revenue funds will contribute to the conduct of flight operations, aircraft maintenance, equipment purchases, and facility maintenance.

Hawaii Civil Air Patrol volunteer pilots and aircraft are important resources that State and county civil defense agencies may call upon during emergencies. They can provide: aerial tsunami alert warnings; air reconnaissance; aerial damage assessments; air search and rescue support; and small cargo delivery when inter-island transportation is not available.

We support the intent of House Bill 2555 HD1 so long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget Request.

This concludes my testimony. Are there any questions?



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14 March 2008

Senate Testimony

TESTIMONY BEFORE: Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

FROM: 66th Composite Squadron, Commander

SUBJECT: Support for HB 2555, HD1: Making an appropriation for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol.

Good afternoon Chair Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair Shan Tsutsui and members of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs. My name is Carswell Ross, Lt. Col., Civil Air Patrol Commander of the 66th Composite Squadron located at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. The Composite Squadron has about 70 members, about 40 cadets and 30 Senior Members. The 66th strongly supports House Bill 2555, HD1, which seeks funds that are necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to operate the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol programs. These programs allow:

Civil Air Patrol's members and aircraft to play a pivotal role in the areas of tsunami warning, tsunami damage assessment, homeland security, search and rescue, and the cadet programs.

State and federal funds allocated to Hawaii Wing in FY2007, to increase the number of train pilots, increase aircraft utilization and delivered an increased mission capability for the State.

These funds will permit the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol to continue to significantly increase tsunami warning; search and rescue training for its aircrews; and to train on the recently delivered Archer aircraft which can provide a host of communication relay capabilities.

In return for this funding, Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol provides, for pennies on the dollar, vital services to the citizens of the State of Hawaii, 24 hours/day, and 365 days/year. The funds will be expended in accordance with a MOU agreed upon by the State Civil Defense and Civil Air Patrol.

Another feature of the Civil Air Patrol is providing activities for our cadets. These are individuals between the ages of 12 and 18 to include some cadets who stay cadets until the age of 21. They learn about service to the community, Aerospace education, Leadership, Emergency Service response and most of all how to become a responsible citizen of the State of Hawaii and the United States.

An investment in CAP is an investment in building the Youth and citizens of this State.

Thank you for this opportunity to support HB 2555.



**HEADQUARTERS
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10 March 2008

Committee on Intergovernmental & Military Affairs
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

RE: HB2555 - Making an Appropriation for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol

Dear Senator Inouye and Committee Members,

This testimony is submitted in support of HB 2555 which will make a critical appropriation to the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol. Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) desperately needs state funding to support our partnership with the State of Hawaii to provide low-cost humanitarian emergency services and homeland security support. The Legislature's investment in and support of CAP is greatly appreciated.

To ensure that we maintain mission readiness, we respectfully request \$295,050 to support operations.

Civil Air Patrol is a national organization, chartered by Congress and staffed by volunteers. CAP is the official civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force. However, the USAF provides only token financial support directly to the Wings (State level of organization in CAP). Nearly all Wings develop partnerships with state governments to better fund operations.

Hawaii CAP consists of nearly five hundred residents who provide not-for-pay, public service to serve our state and nation. There are three squadrons and three aircraft on Oahu, one squadron and two aircraft on Kauai, one squadron and one aircraft on Maui and two squadrons and two aircraft on the Big Island. Our volunteers are trained, ready and responsive and perform various emergency services including: Tsunami Warning, Search and Rescue, Damage Assessment, Aerial Homeland Security Support, Counter-Drug Reconnaissance.

The Tsunami Warning Mission is CAP's primary mission in Hawaii. In 1957, a CAP squadron on Kauai's north shore was credited with saving 400 people – the beginning our life-saving Tsunami Warning Mission. Our recent actions during earthquakes and tsunami warnings include: A tsunami warning in May 2006; following the October 2006 earthquake our aircraft and crews photographed damage sites for the Hawaii County Civil Defense; in November 2006, units flew Tsunami Watch sorties over the North and West coasts of Oahu to warn surfers or swimmers; in January 2007, our Tsunami Watch mission alerted swimmers, surfers and campers on the Na Pali Coast.

Hawaii Civil Air Patrol relies on state funding to defray operational expenses. For a relatively small investment, we will be able to enhance our capabilities and provide vital services. However, a lack of adequate funding will result in:

- Reduced pre (tsunami warning) and post disaster recovery training missions
- Continued inability to adequately notify volunteer emergency personnel
- Inadequate training of pilots, instrument rated pilots, aircrews and ground crews
- Reduced aircraft fleet

HAWAII WING, CIVIL AIR PATROL REQUEST FOR STATE FUNDING

A brief summary of our intended use of the requested funds follows:

- Flight Operations (\$90,250): Will provide 722 flight hours to enhance operational capability and expertise to execute tsunami warning and search and rescue training for pilots and aircrews, enable increased aircraft utilization, accomplish standardization-evaluation pilot requirements, travel for planning conferences, and to ferry aircraft for maintenance requirements.
- Aircraft Maintenance (\$8,000): To defray expenses incurred for aircraft mechanical repairs to meet maintenance standards and safety of flight requirements and replacement of equipment that is not funded by federal sources.
- Vehicle Operations (\$30,800): To support our fourteen vehicles primarily used by ground teams and for other official travel.
- Ground Team Training (\$5,000): To provide emergency services proficiency training.
- Building & Grounds (\$34,000): A one-time request of \$20,000 will fund repairs to the state-owned Wing Headquarters building to comply with the Americans with Disability Act. The remaining \$14,000 is for routine and unanticipated minor expenses associated with building upkeep, grounds maintenance and cleaning services.
- Utilities (\$15,000): For utilities expenses (electrical, water and trash service) and site permit fees for squadrons located on state-owned properties throughout the state.
- Communications Equipment (\$20,000): To upgrade maintain radio equipment used for routine and emergency communications; i.e., recall Squadron commanders, liaison officers, aircrews and ground crews, and to interface with City-County Emergency Operation Centers.
- Telephone and Internet (\$14,000): To provide telephone and internet connectivity for the Headquarters and the seven subordinate squadrons located throughout the state.
- Travel (\$5,000): For travel expense related to aviation and emergency service training and coordination not available within the state.
- Administrative Equipment & Expenses (\$10,000): To purchase a mid-sized photocopier, various supplies to administer and implement aircrew proficiency training, and for general office and other administrative expenses and supplies, such as postage, paper, etc.
- Emergency Power Equipment (\$6,000): Funds are requested for a one-time purchase and annual maintenance of generators for the Headquarters and subordinate facilities.
- Tsunami Warning Equipment (\$81,000): Funding will allow us to upgrade the tsunami warning sirens installed on our aircraft. Our sirens and speakers are aging and may soon be inoperable. State-of-the art equipment will allow our sirens to be heard from greater distances and where our aircraft are unable to safely fly at low altitudes.

Without State funding, we cannot provide the level of service required for historical tsunami warning and disaster relief missions. **If we are unable to demonstrate our ability to utilize our existing fleet, our National Headquarters and may remove aircraft from the Hawaii fleet.** Depending on the type of tsunami, we may not have the ability to move from one location to another in a timely fashion -- some of the islands may receive no airborne warning.

Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol's Contributions to the State of Hawai'i

- CAP volunteer pilots and crews perform various emergency services including:
 - Tsunami Warning
 - Search and Rescue
 - Damage Assessment
 - Aerial Homeland Security Support
 - Counter-Drug Reconnaissance

HAWAII WING, CIVIL AIR PATROL REQUEST FOR STATE FUNDING

Tsunami Warning Mission

- The Tsunami Warning Mission is CAP's primary mission in Hawaii.
- In 1957, a CAP squadron on Kauai's north shore was credited with saving at least 400 people, beginning HIWG's life saving Tsunami Warning Mission to the state.
- Our Tsunami mission profiles typically consist of three phases:
 - The first and most important is the Warning phase, when aircraft are launched to announce, via siren and voice, the alert message.
 - In the next phase, aircraft will be launched again to conduct rapid-needs assessment.
 - Post-incident, our aircraft can be used for damage assessment and relief work.
- Each island has endured earthquakes, hurricanes and tsunamis while neighboring islands were largely unaffected. With significant damage to an island's principal airfield, CAP's aircraft, which can operate from a shortened, damaged runway, may be the only answer until military helicopters can be deployed. CAP aircraft are located at critical nodes to deploy quickly and meet mission requirements for tsunami warning.
- CAP brings a wealth of local knowledge to Hawaii-unique emergency operations. Our volunteers are trained, ready and responsive. CAP's assets, although not free, are amortized over diverse missions and operate on a free-personnel, logistics-only cost basis.
- CAP has launched five times on actual warning missions in the past twenty years.
- Our recent actions during earthquakes and tsunami warnings include:
 - **May 2006:** A tsunami warning was issued due to an earthquake near Tonga. CAP members stopped their paid-work activities, traveled to the hangars and readied their aircraft. Aircraft crews were successfully alerted, manned, and were ready to launch.
 - **October 2006:** Following the earthquake, aircraft and crews photographed damage sites for the Hawaii County Civil Defense.
 - **November 2006:** Units flew Tsunami Watch sorties over the North and West coasts of Oahu to report and to warn surfers or swimmers to get off the beaches.
 - **January 2007:** Our Tsunami Watch mission alerted swimmers, surfers and campers on the Na Pali Coast.
- **There is no other tsunami airborne warning capability in Hawaii outside of CAP.**

Emergency Services

- CAP also participates in disaster relief operations in Hawaii.
- We have augmented the USCG numerous times on actual searches.
- The value of our all-volunteer emergency services to the State has been demonstrated repeatedly over the years; for example:
 - **Hurricane Iniki 1992:** HIWG provided critical transport and communications support to the State and the County of Kauai. CAP provided the only operational voice communications connectivity and assisted the Mayor in informing the Governor of the current status of Lihue and Kauai and communicated requests and requirements for emergency relief support.
 - **July 2002:** CAP was instrumental in locating a small plane that went down on Maui.
 - **February 2004:** CAP located the missing air ambulance near Hilo.
 - CAP provided airborne photo support of the floods at Kauai.

Counter-Drug

- **In 2003,** CAP flew nearly 200 missions in support of DEA counter-drug operations. However, due to funding cuts, our limited mission now consists of escorting DEA helicopters inter-island for DEA missions. We continue to interface with federal law enforcement officials to develop possible future operations.

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Homeland Security

- CAP has supported the 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron providing slow-moving aircraft targets for air defense practice for Air National Guard and Army National Guard helicopters air-intercept training.
- CAP has also flown helicopter escort missions for the Hawaii Army National Guard.
- We have provided support to the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron (Hickam AFB) and assisted with the training of Enlisted Tactical Air Controllers using a CAP aircraft versus an expensive military aircraft. Many of these service members are utilizing these skills in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Historical Funding Levels

Support from the State of Hawaii

Over the last twenty-five years, state support to Hawaii Wing (HIWG) has varied. From 1989 to 1992, HIWG received as much as \$190,600 per year (under Hawaii Revised Statutes, Title 15, Transportation and Utilities, Chapter 261-6 Aeronautics) to execute operations. This law has remained on the books. In the last twenty-five years, there were only two years when state funding was adequate; eight years where no funding was provided; and several years with limited funding. Historical data on state funding (note data is CAP fiscal year Oct 1 – Sept 30) follows:

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|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| FY 82 | \$100,000 | FY 89 | \$190,600 | FY 96 | \$178,354 | FY 03 | \$0 |
| FY 83 | \$0 | FY 90 | \$190,600 | FY 97 | \$0 | FY 04 | \$50,000 |
| FY 84 | \$100,000 | FY 91 | \$320,600 | FY 98 | \$0 | FY 05 | \$60,000 |
| FY 85 | \$100,000 | FY 92 | \$190,600 | FY 99 | \$0 | FY 06 | \$100,000 |
| FY 86 | \$100,000 | FY 93 | \$210,000 | FY 00 | \$0 | FY 07 | \$75,000 |
| FY 87 | \$429,000 | FY 94 | \$178,354 | FY 01 | \$0 | | |
| FY 88 | \$190,600 | FY 95 | \$214,025 | FY 02 | \$0 | | |

Impact of Inadequate Funding

The U.S. Air Force provides token financial support directly to the Wings (State level of organization within CAP) for exercises. Nearly all Wings develop partnerships with state governments to better fund operations. For example, the State of Alaska allocates \$503,100 each year to its CAP Wing.

Historically, HIWG has struggled to maintain readiness. In the past, HIWG managed the challenge by blending pilot proficiency and competency training into USAF and DEA funded missions. For example, in 1998, HIWG received nearly \$430,000 from the DEA for counter-drug missions. However, federal funding and opportunities to execute these missions has virtually ceased: i.e., DEA funding has been significantly reduced.

HIWG relies on state funding to defray operational expenses. Previous budget reductions significantly degraded our capability to adequately train and maintain proficiency to execute our comprehensive array of aerial and ground operations. A continued lack of adequate funding will result in:

- Reduced pre (tsunami warning) and post disaster recovery training missions
- Continued inability to adequately notify volunteer emergency personnel
- Inadequate training of pilots, instrument rated pilots, aircrews and ground crews
- Reduced aircraft fleet

**HAWAII WING, CIVIL AIR PATROL
REQUEST FOR STATE FUNDING**

The annual flight hour utilization policy requirement, established by CAP National Headquarters (NHQ), is 200 hours per aircraft. This utilization policy requirement is unfunded. Because HIWG lacks adequate funding our aircraft are under-utilized -- this has resulted in a reduction of our aircraft fleet.

- **In 2005**, NHQ directed one of our aircraft to be sold via auction due to under-utilization.
- **In 2007**, NHQ directed our multi-engine aircraft be removed from our fleet due to under utilization and high operating expenses-costs.

Limited funding has consequences. Recently, HIWG suspended financial support provided to squadrons for telephone/pager communications. **Without State funding, HIWG cannot provide the level of service required for historical tsunami warning and disaster relief missions.**

Mahalo for your past support and consideration of this request.

Very Respectfully Submitted,



Earl G Greenia, Colonel, CAP
Commander, Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol

HAWAII WING CIVIL AIR PATROL

To: Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Shan S. Tsutsui
COMMITTEE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

From: Tom Brehm
Vice Commander, Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol

Date: Friday, March 14, 2008
1:15 p.m., Conference Room 229

Subject: HB2555 HD1 - MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII WING CIVIL AIR PATROL

The Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol (CAP) strongly supports the intent of this bill to make an appropriation for the funding of this security and disaster response organization.

Chair Inouye, and members of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding HB2555 HD1. I am Tom Brehm, Vice Commander for the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol. I am a volunteer member of this nationally chartered organization. As a former officer in the United States Marine Corps, I continue to serve our country and state through this organization that provides numerous services to our communities. Our team continues to provide aerial tsunami warnings, disaster response, search and rescue, and various other support of our state civil defense.

Our tsunami support to the state is provided via aerial platforms (aircraft), located across all the islands, flown by all volunteers. We are on tap to fly the shorelines of our communities to provide early warning for our now heavily populated shorelines. This task alone requires aircraft we can rely on and mandates a rigorous training schedule to ensure our flight crew members are proficient in their assigned tasks. This one segment of our mission here in Hawaii has fixed expenses associated with this tasking. We have demonstrated in the past and are prepared in the future to respond within an hour timeframe to meet expectations.

Fully funded appropriations provided by the state for this vital mission of support has not been made available in the recent past. It is unfortunate that something that is low cost (volunteer driven), is not seen as a huge benefit to the safety and security to our state. Our state civil defense readily supports our organization and has provided some limited resources that have enabled us to maintain minimal mission readiness capability. We are grateful for their insight and desire to safeguard our precious citizens.

HAWAII WING CIVIL AIR PATROL

In addition to our tsunami warning mission, our organization provides numerous services to agencies ranging from Home Land Security to Hawaii Air National Guard. Our volunteers are also mentors to the young cadets that are part of the Hawaii Wing. These superb young individuals are young citizens that are preparing themselves for the future and leadership roles in our state.

Finally, I ask you for your full support for this Bill. The cost benefit analysis of this bill far out weigh any reservations that might be expressed opposing full adoption of this measure.

I know you are personally aware of what the CAP in Hawaii stands for and the impact we have on our local communities. Thank you for your support of Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol.

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13 March 2008

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Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee
Chair Senator Lorraine Inouye

RE: Support for HB 2555

Dear Senator Inouye and Committee Members,

Please support of HB 2555 for the needed appropriation to the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol.

Thank you for taking the time to visit the Lyman Field Civil Air Patrol Composite Squadron at Hilo International Airport in November 2007. I know that you received a good understanding of what Civil Air Patrol is all about. Not only do we provide excellent training for cadets and seniors, we also provide the State of Hawaii with vital emergency services including: aerial Tsunami Warning, Search and Rescue (both air and ground teams), Aerial Damage Assessment, Aerial Homeland Security Support and Counter-Drug assistance.

Throughout my twenty eight (28) years in the Civil Air Patrol I have seen many of our cadets excel in the Civil Air Patrol and move on to be outstanding citizens. To date we have had two cadets who entered the Merchant Marine Academy, three cadets who entered the Navy Academy and also cadets who became airline pilots and flight instructors. We currently have two more cadets who applied for and have received nominations for the Navy Academy and are pending acceptance.

Hawaii Civil Air Patrol is an ALL VOLUNTEER, non-profit organization and relies on state funding to help defray operational expenses. No one gets paid at all, we must do a lot of fundraising to pay for the basics like office supplies and monthly bills just to keep the program alive. Previous budget reductions significantly degraded our capability to adequately train and maintain proficiency to execute our comprehensive array of aerial and ground operations. A continued lack of adequate funding will result in:

- Reduced tsunami warning training missions and inadequate training of pilots, aircrews and ground teams,
- Elimination of Orientation Flights for Cadets

We provide a wonderful opportunity for our youth to serve their community while learning many new skills through the Cadet Program as well as supporting our state.

Approval of HB 2555 will ensure the program will continue and excel in training the youth of Hawaii and supporting the State Tsunami Warning Mission.

I urge you to please support bill HB 2555.

Sincerely

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testimony

From: Edwin Petteys [elune@hawaiiantel.net]
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To: testimony; Rep. Roland Sagum; Sen. Gary Hooser
Cc: rcaires@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: HB 2555,HD1, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII CIVIL AIR PATROL

Sir/Madam:

I would ask your support of the above legislation. The Civil Air Patrol provides a critical service to the State of Hawaii. It is the only volunteer organization that has assumed warning responsibility for tsunamis, covering areas where there are no warning sirens, and where sirens are inoperative. There is no governmental agency that does this, and there is no back-up to the Civil Air Patrol. Additionally, the Civil Air Patrol has and will continue to serve the State of Hawaii in the event of other kinds of disasters.

Because of its volunteer composition, appropriations to the Civil Air Patrol are fiscally-efficient, in that funding does not go to such things as salaries or benefits. The Civil Air Patrol, then, offers a cost/benefit that cannot be matched by other agencies.

Please support the Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, and allow them to continue their critical services to the State of Hawaii.

Respectfully,
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testimony

From: Joseph J. Kaanapu, Jr [jjk77@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2008 10:30 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye; Rep. Roland Sagum
Subject: Support for HB2555

Committee on Intergovernmental & Military Affairs

<>Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

I am writing this e-mail to you in support of HB 2555 that will make a critical appropriation to the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol.

<>The Hawaii Civil Air Patrol has provided the capability to deliver Tsunami Warnings for over fifty years - in 1957, a CAP squadron on Kauai's north shore was credited with saving at least 400 people. CAP's volunteer pilots and crews perform various emergency services including: Search and Rescue, Damage Assessment, Aerial Homeland Security Support and Counter-Drug Reconnaissance as requested and called upon by the various Federal, State and County Agencies. <>The Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol has worked hand in hand with the State Civil Defense during all phases of state emergency needs i.e., hurricanes, natural disasters, and tsunamis. CAP needs to train with the Hawaii State Civil Defense and the various county Civil Defense operations. This training requires funding i.e., gas, oil, maintenance of our aircraft and communication assets.

<>Without State funding, the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol may not be able to provide the level of service required for historical tsunami warning and disaster relief missions. In fact, if we do not maintain a minimum of 120-200 hours aircraft utilization for each of our nine aircraft, our national headquarters may re-assign aircraft to other states.

The Hawaii Wing CAP has been an integral part of Hawaii since 1946, starting with the leadership of former Territorial House Representative Benjamin Dillingham,. our first Wing Commander till the present. With continued State funding and support, the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol will continue to serve our state and our citizens of Hawaii. <>

I urge continued support for this bill and thank you for your consideration. <>

Mahalo and aloha, <>

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testimony

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Subject: Suport of HB 2555

Committee on Intergovernmental & Military Affairs
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

I am writing this e-mail to you in support of HB 2555 that will make a critical appropriation to the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol.

The Hawaii Civil Air Patrol has provided the capability to deliver Tsunami Warnings for over fifty years - in 1957, a CAP squadron on Kauai's north shore was credited with saving at least 400 people. CAP's volunteer pilots and crews perform various emergency services including: Search and Rescue, Damage Assessment, Aerial Homeland Security Support and Counter-Drug Reconnaissance.

Without State funding, the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol will not be able to provide the level of service required for historical tsunami warning and disaster relief missions. In fact, if we do not maintain a minimum of 120-200 hours aircraft utilization for each of our nine aircraft, our national headquarters may re-assign aircraft to other states.

I urge you to support this bill and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
C/Ssgt Jeremiah Daul
2nd Element Leader, Alpha FLT
Wheeler Composite Squadron
Hawaii Civil Air Patrol

testimony

From: george [gcurtis@hawaii.edu]

Sent: Monday, March 10, 2008 2:49 PM

To: testimony

Subject: For Senate Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

I urge you to support the appropriation for HB2555, HD1, for the Civil Air Patrol. CAP members from all walks of life give their time to provide both tsunami warning and aeronautical education to young people -- our future local pilots -- and match the grant many times over.

I am the tsunami advisor to the County of Hawai'i and also advise the State Civil Defense on tsunami warning matters, so I realize the importance of this program.

George Curtis
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testimony

From: Tony [kh6pv1@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2008 10:28 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Fw: HB2555,HD1,Making an Appropriation for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol

Sorry, Sent to wrong address.

Thank you,

Anthony R. Schena

----- Original Message -----

From: Tony
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Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2008 10:23 PM
Subject: HB2555,HD1,Making an Appropriation for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol

Madam Chair and Committee Members

Reference HB2555, HD1 Making an Appropriation For the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol.

Support for this legislation is urgently requested. Civil Air Patrol, a wholly volunteer organization, over the years, has been part of Hawaii State Civil Defense posture in Tsunami warning and other emergency missions. Assistance is greatly needed to overcome the high cost of aircraft maintenance and fuel, and to train crews to plan fly these missions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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testimony

From: Dan Bowen [dbowen@hawaii.rr.com]
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Subject: TESTIMONY TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - HB 2555 CIVIL AIR PATROL

TESTIMONY TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII WING CIVIL AIR PATROL
HB 2555

FRIDAY 14 MARCH 2008
1:15 pm CONFERENCE ROOM 229

Submitted by: DANIEL D. BOWEN, COLONEL, CAP
Past Commander, Hawaii Wing

Dear Chairperson and Committee Members,

I submit this email testimony to you in support of HB 2555 and ask that you support this bill that will make a much needed appropriation to the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol.

I have been a volunteer pilot for the Civil Air Patrol for the past 15 years, and a past Commander of the Hawaii Wing for 4 of those years. I can assure you from personal experience that its members are competent and dedicated to the mission of helping those in need in time of emergency.

CAP's volunteer pilots and crews perform various emergency services for the State and county governments including Tsunami Warning, Damage Assessment following natural disasters, and Search and Rescue, among others.

Over the last twenty-five years, state support to Hawaii Civil Air Patrol has varied and the organization has struggled to maintain readiness to provide support for these Civil Defense missions. Hawaii Civil Air Patrol relies on state funding to defray operational expenses. Previous budget reductions significantly degraded our capability to adequately train and maintain proficiency to execute our comprehensive array of aerial and ground operations. A continued lack of adequate funding will result insufficient training of pilots, aircrews and ground teams to conduct the critical tsunami warning mission, and likely reduction in the size of our Hawaii aircraft fleet.

Without State funding, the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol cannot provide the level of service required for historical tsunami warning and disaster relief missions.

I urge you to support this bill and thank you for your consideration.

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testimony

From: CLS HAWAII - Roger Caires [surveyor1@clshawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2008 5:26 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Rep. Roland Sagum
Subject: TESTIMONY TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - HB 2555, HD1, CIVIL AIR PATROL

TESTIMONY TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII WING CIVIL AIR PATROL, HB 2555, HD1

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008
1:15 PM, CONFERENCE ROOM 229

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I submit this email testimony to you in support of HB 2555 and ask that you support this bill that will make a much needed appropriation to the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol.

Without State funding, the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol cannot provide the level of service required for their tsunami warning service to the State of Hawaii.

I urge you to support this bill and thank you for your consideration.

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testimony

From: mstatler [mstatler@earthlink.net]
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Cc: Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye
Subject: Hawaii Civil Air Patrol funding bill, HB 2555

Hearing on Friday, March 14, 2008 in Conference Room 229, by the Senate Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee.

Committee on Intergovernmental & Military Affairs
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

I am sending this letter to you in support of Hawaii Civil Air Patrol Funding Bill, HB 2555.

Hawaii Civil Air Patrol provides the state with invaluable public service. Civil Air Patrol has three missions Emergency Services, Aerospace Education and Cadet Programs. Emergency Services embodies: tsunami warnings, coordination of ground team and air capabilities in tracking ELTs , search and rescue, counter-drug reconnaissance, and homeland security. Civil Air Patrol also promotes and educates the public in aerospace capabilities and careers. Concerning the youth of Hawaii, Civil Air Patrol provides education in aerospace, leadership and emergency services. It is one of very few organizations in which cadets work side by side with adult members during missions. All members are volunteers who devote their expertise and time to public service.

Hawaii Civil Air Patrol is a non-profit all volunteer organization dedicated to serving the community and deserving of your support. Please pass HB 2555.

Very truly yours,

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testimony

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Sent: Monday, March 10, 2008 3:43 PM
To: testimony; Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye
Subject: Testimony for HB2555, Appropriations for CAP

TESTIMONY TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII WING CIVIL AIR PATROL
HB 2555

FRIDAY, 14 MARCH 2008
1:15 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 229

SUBMITTED BY: Stanley Y. Fernandez, Colonel, CAP
Past Commander, Hawaii Wing

In Support of HB2555, Appropriations to the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). The Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol is an integral non-profit agency and partner who are part of the "first response" team in providing "airborne tsunami warning patrols for the State of Hawaii. This includes "all" major islands of the State of Hawaii. At the first call from the Tsunami Warning Center to the Hawaii State Civil Defense Operations, Civil Air Patrol is called upon to dispatch aircraft and bring up CAP emergency radio communications to provide **warning** to residents, surfers, tourists, swimmers who are located in tsunami inundated areas of impending danger. CAP is on record for saving hundreds of lives for their action. The Hawaii Wing CAP members are comprised of an "all volunteer" membership. Aircrews, pilots, observers, scanners, radio communicators, administrative personnel are activated to assist the people of the State of Hawaii. Case in point, during Hurricane Iniki, the Hawaii CAP was the "only" agency that had positive communications between the island of Kauai and the Oahu which enabled immediate recovery operations. Again in October 2006, CAP responded and provided airborne warning to residents of an impending tsunami.

The Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol works hand in hand with the State Civil Defense during all phases of state emergency needs i.e., hurricanes, natural disasters, and tsunamis. CAP needs to train with the Hawaii State Civil Defense and the various county Civil Defense operations. This training requires funding i.e., gas, oil, maintenance of our aircraft and communication assets.

The Hawaii Wing CAP has been an integral part of Hawaii since 1946, starting with the leadership of former Territorial House Representative Benjamin Dillingham, our first Wing Commander till the present. With continued State funding and support, the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol will continue to serve our state and our citizens of Hawaii. I strongly urge the Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee to approve House Bill 2555.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit this testimony.

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testimony

From: LES WARD [ljward13@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 6:28 AM
To: testimony
Subject: HB 2555, HD1

Subject: HB 2555,HD1, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII CIVIL AIR PATROL

My Dearest Legislators,

I would ask your support of the above legislation. The Civil Air Patrol provides a critical service to the State of Hawaii. It is the only volunteer organization that has assumed warning responsibility for tsunamis, covering areas where there are no warning sirens, and where sirens are inoperative. There is no governmental agency that does this, and there is no back-up to the Civil Air Patrol. Additionally, the Civil Air Patrol has and will continue to serve the State of Hawaii in the event of other kinds of disasters.

Because of its volunteer composition, appropriations to the Civil Air Patrol are fiscally-efficient, in that funding does not go to such things as salaries or benefits. The Civil Air Patrol, then, offers a cost/benefit that cannot be matched by other agencies.

Please support the Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, and allow them to continue their critical services to the State of Hawaii.

Thanks for your attention,

Les Ward,
Kalaheo, Hi.

testimony

From: Bob Becka [bobbecka@bayshoreaviation.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 8:48 PM
To: testimony
Cc: Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye; Rep. Roland Sagum
Subject: ATTN: HB 2555, Testimony Senate Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee, Friday, March 14, 2008 1:15 PM

RE: Testimony for HB 2555
Meeting Date: Friday, March 14, 2008
Meeting Time: 1:15 PM

Committee on Intergovernmental & Military Affairs
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

I am writing this e-mail to you in support of HB 2555 that will make a critical appropriation to the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol.

The Hawaii Civil Air Patrol has provided the capability to deliver Tsunami Warnings for over fifty years - in 1957, a CAP squadron on Kauai's north shore was credited with saving at least 400 people. CAP's volunteer pilots and crews perform various emergency services including: Search and Rescue, Damage Assessment, Aerial Homeland Security Support and Counter-Drug Reconnaissance.

Without State funding, the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol will not be able to provide the level of service required for historical tsunami warning and disaster relief missions. In fact, if we do not maintain a minimum of 200 hours aircraft utilization for each of our nine aircraft, our national headquarters may re-assign aircraft to other states.

I urge you to support this bill and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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testimony

From: Dell Pada [delling685@yahoo.com]
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Cc: Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye; Rep. Roland Sagum
Subject: Support of HB 2555

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Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

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I urge you to support this bill and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: WESLEY KAJIWARA [WKAJIWARA@queens.org]
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To: testimony
Cc: Rep. Roland Sagum; Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye
Subject: Support of HB 2555 Civil Air Patrol Appropriation

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I urge you to support this bill and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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testimony

From: Daul, Carol I Mrs DoD Ben [carol.i.daul@us.army.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2008 11:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of HB 2555

Committee on Intergovernmental & Military Affairs Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

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I urge you to support this bill and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lt Carol I Daul, Deputy Commander of Cadets Wheeler Composite Squadron Hawaii Wing US Civil Air Patrol

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testimony

From: Ng, Clinton H CIV J623 [clinton.ng@pacom.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2008 7:49 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Roger Caires; STANLEY FERNANDEZ; HIWG CC; Dan Bowen; Herbert Kaneshige; Tom Brehm; Tony Schena; Caz Ross; Joseph Kaanapu
Subject: HB 2555,HD1, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII CIVIL AIR PATROL

Dear Sirs:

I am writing you to support the subject house bill as a volunteer member of Hawaii's Civil Air Patrol (CAP). Since joining, I have learned of all the great things CAP has done in helping the State of Hawaii. From their cadet programs, that help develop young minds, to Tsunami Warnings, that prepare for possible disaster.

Please help CAP by supporting HB 2555.
Thank you for your consideration,

Clinton Ng

testimony

From: Lei Kihoi-Dunne [ponoau@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2008 11:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of HB2555

Dear Senator Inouye and Members of the Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee:

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request that you support HB2555 for the following reasons:

- 1) Hawaii is subjected to a number of potential disasters due to its' unique geographical location; Consequently, it is highly probable that we can be struck by natural disasters such as tsunamis, hurricanes, flooding, etc.
- 2) Hawaii can also be subjected to a possibility of non-natural disasters such as terroristic attacks and the like. I see the CAP as augmenting or complimenting the duties of the Air Force because of the capabilities of our smaller plane capacities.

I believe the record of the Civil Air Patrol speaks for itself, by virtue of being on "ready" alert, whenever summoned to do its' duties. Pilots and personnel connected with Civil Air Patrol are highly trained, committed and dedicated individuals.

In summary, please fund and support HB 2555.
With sincere aloha,

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testimony

From: Jim Degnan [jdegan767@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 8:45 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for HB2555, HD1

Dear Chairperson and Committee Members,

I submit this e-mail testimony in support of HB 2555, HD1. I ask for your support for this bill that will make much needed appropriations for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol.

My background is as a Retired Navy Commander who spent 15 years in the Naval Air Reserve. I see a parallel between my Reserve years and the CAP and that is "a lot of bang for the buck". These members are all volunteers and continually put "service before self". We gladly accept the 3:00 AM phone call to man the aircraft/operational center for Tsunami Warning, supporting Search and Rescue Missions, Reconnaissance and Homeland Security Missions, and damage assessment after Natural Disasters. Previous budget reductions have significantly degraded our capability to adequately train and maintain proficiency to successfully execute our comprehensive array of aerial and ground operations.

Without State funding, the Hawaiian Civil Air Patrol cannot provide the level of service required for historical tsunami warning and disaster relief missions. Our fellow islanders would lose an important and efficient safety net.

I urge you to support HB 2555, HD1. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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testimony

From: John Dunne [johndunne@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2008 5:23 PM

To: testimony

Dear Senator Inouye and Members of the Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee:

My name is Capt John E. Dunne, and I am a pilot for the Civil Air Patrol in Kona. **Please support HB 2555.**

As a former fighter pilot with the Air Force, and a commercial pilot for Trans World Airlines, I feel that your support of **HB 2555** is critical at this juncture for the following reasons:

1. We are in a geographical region which is conducive to a number of natural disasters such as tsunamis, hurricanes and various other disasters. Having a disaster relief force is critical for protecting our Hawaii people.
2. My military experience also leads me to be extremely cautious in this era. Hawaii is in the middle of the Pacific and we could be possible targets of terroristic threats. Thus, continuing to work with the Air Force will only augment their ability to eradicate these threats.
3. That our "mentoring" program of training young pilots to be productive citizens is important to maintaining and generating values and principles of young American citizens.

For the above reasons, I strongly express my support of HB 2555. I intend to be at the Hearing this Friday on 3/14/08, and intend to testify in support of HB 2555.

With aloha,

Capt. John E. Dunne
Civil Air Patrol
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii