

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 FINANCE

BY

EDWARD T. TEIXEIRA  
ACTING DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

February 26, 2008

Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

I am Ed Teixeira, Acting 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?

## HAWAII WING CIVIL AIR PATROL

To: Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2008  
1:00 p.m., House Conference Room 308

**Subject: HB 2525 - 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 Oshiro, and members of the Finance Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding HB 2525. 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.

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 CIVIL AIR PATROL

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.

Thank you for your support of Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol.

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## FINtestimony

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**From:** EGreenia@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 5:08 PM  
**To:** FINtestimony  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY - HB 2555 - HAWAII WING CIVIL AIR PATROL

House Committee on Finance

RE: Support for HB 2555

Dear Chairman Oshiro and Committee Members,

I submit this e-mail 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.

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.

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 Emergency Services, Disaster Relief, Reconnaissance and Homeland Security 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 in:

- Reduced tsunami warning training missions,
- Inability to adequately notify volunteer emergency personnel,
- Inadequate training of pilots, aircrews and ground teams, and
- Reduction in the size of our 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.

Sincerely,

Earl Greenia, Colonel, CAP  
Hawaii Wing Commander

Kailua-Kona, HI

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**From:** Forrest Statler [statler\_4est@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 6:59 PM  
**To:** FINtestimony  
**Cc:** Earl Greenia  
**Subject:** HB2555

Greetings Representatives,

I am a citizen in the community and state for which you have been elected to represent. I am letting you know that I strongly support HB2555.

The Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol is one of 52 wings in the United States that provides a low cost community volunteer service to every state. Missions of the Civil Air Patrol are: Aerospace Education, Emergency Services, and the Cadet program.

Hawaii Wing completes these missions in as much capacity as they are financially able.

The aerospace mission in Hawaii is active by instructing and exposing youth and adults to aerospace technology, and learning ways that it improves and helps communities, businesses, and overall the lifestyle of people today. This mission often goes hand in hand with the Cadet Program, instructing youth in the community. However the Cadet Program goes far beyond just aerospace education. It is a leadership laboratory for youth to learn skills and gain experience that will help in their future as citizens of this great country. Cadets not only prepare for the future, but currently serve their community by participating in the Emergency Services mission of CAP which is described in short below. Cadets are also active members in the community volunteering to help at many community events as a CAP unit, or by themselves as citizens of the community.

The Civil Air Patrol's most well known mission is that of Emergency Services. All members including cadets participate in these missions. The types of specific missions that CAP has been and can be tasked with include; Search and Rescue, Disaster Relief, Damage Assessment, and Assisting the American Red Cross, Fire Departments, and other government organizations such as the Civil Defense. In Hawaii another vital mission to the state is the readiness to use their airplanes to warn the Islands about tsunamis and other dangerous conditions. It is a lucky thing for us in Hawaii that there is not a huge number of aircraft crashes and natural or man-made disasters, however, the Hawaii Wing is trained and ready to provide assistance and service to the state whenever it may be needed.

As with all volunteer organizations, the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol cannot function properly without sufficient finances and equipment. I firmly believe that it is not just good, but it is RIGHT for the State House of Representatives to support this organization and it's missions. We pray that nothing bad happens, but in the event that something does, the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol is ready.

Again, I firmly support HB2555, supporting the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol. And I'll close now with a statistic from last year. As a national organization, the Civil Air Patrol saved 103 lives, from Oct. 2006 to Sept. 2007. Please remember that all members are volunteers...

Respectfully,

2/25/2008

Forrest M. Statler  
Pahoa, Hawaii

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**From:** WESLEY KAJIWARA [WKAJIWARA@queens.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 11:25 PM  
**To:** FINtestimony; Rep. Marcus Oshiro  
**Cc:** Rep. Roland Sagum  
**Subject:** HB 2555 HEARING DATE:TUES, Feb 26, 2008, Item #4, Making an Appropriation for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

HEARING DATE: TUESDAY, February 26, 2008  
TIME: 1:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Conference Room 308

Dear Representative Oshiro and House Committee on Finance,  
I am in support of HB 2555. The Civil Air Patrol is a volunteer organization which provides a valuable community service to the State of Hawaii. Although we are a volunteer organization, we train as professionals so we are able carry out emergency services missions whenever called upon.

We work closely with the State Civil Defense flying tsunami warning, disaster assessment, humanitarian, and search and rescue missions. Immediately after Hurricane Iniki, the Civil Air Patrol radio communications network was the only means of communication between Oahu and Kauai.

The Civil Air Patrol's Cadet Program gives Hawaii's youth the opportunity to learn leadership skills and personal responsibility. One of the main reasons cadets join the program is because they are eligible for orientation flights by qualified CAP pilots. The program gives them a good foundation for success whether they go on into an aviation related field or not.

HB 2555 will allow the continuation of all of these activities and improve the capabilities of the Civil Air Patrol in Hawaii. I hope you feel this organization is worthy of your consideration and appreciate your support of this bill. Thank you.

Wesley Kajiwara, 1Lt  
West Oahu Composite Squadron  
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## FINtestimony

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**From:** Donna [donna.miller@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 11:16 PM  
**To:** FINtestimony  
**Subject:** HB 2555 Civil Air Patrol

Dear Representatives,

I support HB2555. Hawaii Civil Air Patrol provides a valuable, extremely low-cost service for our state.

I encourage you to support this important bill so that the Tsunami Warning mission can be maintained and improved.

The senior members and cadets in our squadron in Hilo are committed to serving our community in emergency services, as well as in Civil Air Patrol's other 2 missions which are our cadet program and aerospace education.

I humbly ask for your support for our organization and our missions.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

Donna Miller  
Hilo, Hawaii  
Lyman Field Composite Squadron

## FINtestimony

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**From:** Joseph J. Kaanapu, Jr [jjk77@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 10:28 PM  
**To:** FINtestimony  
**Subject:** 2/26/2008 HB2555 Agenda #4

TESTIMONY TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII WING CIVIL AIR PATROL  
HB 2555

TUESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2008 at 1:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 308

SUBMITTED BY: Joseph J. Kaanapu, Jr., Captain, CAP

<>Dear Representatives,

As a member of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol, and a citizen of Hawaii, I fully support HB 2555

Since 1946, the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol provides a valuable, extremely low cost service for our state. Through all these years, we have provided emergency communications and have dispatched aircraft, to provide warnings to residents, surfers, tourists and swimmers who are located in tsunami inundation areas of impending danger.

I encourage you to support this important bill so that the Tsunami Warning mission and all other missions that we may be called upon to perform by the Hawaii State Civil Defense Department, can be maintained and improved upon.

Mahalo for allowing me the opportunity to submit this testimony.

<>Sincerely,  
Joseph J. Kaanapu, Jr. Captain, CAP  
Webmaster, Hawaii Wing CAP

## FINtestimony

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**From:** Beverly Chew [beverlyc350@hhsc.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2008 6:47 AM  
**To:** FINtestimony  
**Subject:** HB2555

Dear Representatives,  
I support HB2555

Hawaii Civil Air Patrol provides a valuable, very low-cost service for our state. I encourage you to support this important bill so that the Tsunami Warning mission can be maintained and improved.

They also provide a service to our state and community through their youth program. My son and my granddaughter have and are benefiting from Civil Air Patrol's youth program.

Mahalo!

Beverly L. Chew  
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808-968-6869  
Hilo, Hawaii

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**From:** Paul W Rollman Jr [rollman21@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2008 6:36 AM  
**To:** FINtestimony  
**Subject:** CAP Funding

Dear Representatives,

I support HB2555

Hawaii Civil Air Patrol provides a valuable, extremely low-cost service for our state.

I encourage you to support this important bill so that the Tsunami Warning mission can be maintained and improved. We plan to upgrade our communications system throughout the state in 2008. It is very important that we receive funding to help us serve the people of our state. Mahalo!

Sincerely,  
Paul W Rollman  
Andrea M Rollman  
Waikoloa, HI

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**From:** mstatler [mstatler@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2008 12:14 AM  
**To:** FINtestimony  
**Subject:** HB2555

Dear Representatives,

Please support HB2555. Civil Air Patrol is an all volunteer organization ever ready to support the community in Emergency Services, Aerospace Education and Cadet Programs. It is a wonderful organization and deserves your support.

Sincerely,

Ruth C. Statler, 1LT CAP  
Lyman Field Composite Squadron  
Hilo, HI

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**From:** Daul, Carol I Mrs DoD Ben [carol.i.daul@us.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 10:14 PM  
**To:** FINtestimony  
**Subject:** HB2555

Dear Representatives,

I support HB2555. Hawaii Civil Air Patrol provides a valuable, extremely low-cost service for our state. Our training is important to keep proficient and also to train others to become proficient in our Mission. We provide Search and Rescue Operations for the State of Hawaii and our Members do this as "Volunteers". I encourage you to support this important bill so that the Tsunami Warning Mission and our Search and Rescue Operations can be maintained and improved for the safety of the people and the State of Hawaii. Mahalo for your Support!

Sincerely,

Carol Daul, 2LT

Wheeler Composite Squadron

Hawaii Civil Air Patrol

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**From:** Kekela Lani [hawaiiroots@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 8:08 PM  
**To:** FINtestimony  
**Subject:** Hearing

Dear Representatives,

I support HB2555

Hawaii Civil Air Patrol provides a valuable, extremely low-cost service for our state.

I encourage you to support this important bill so that the Tsunami Warning mission can be maintained and improved. Mahalo!

Sincerely,

Kekela Lani

Keaau

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**From:** shelley carver [shelley\_carver@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 8:27 PM  
**To:** FINtestimony  
**Subject:** HB2555

Dear Representatives,  
I support HB2555

Hawaii Civil Air Patrol provides a valuable, extremely low-cost service for our state. I encourage you to support this important bill so that the Tsunami Warning mission can be maintained and improved. Civil Air Patrol can help save lives in these scenarios. Mahalo!

Sincerely,

Michelle L Carver  
Kailua Kona, Hi.

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**From:** Rex Acosta [otter@hawaiian.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 8:40 PM  
**To:** FINtestimony  
**Cc:** EGreenia@aol.com  
**Subject:** Support HB2555

Dear Representatives,  
I support HB2555

My name is Rex Acosta, I am a Kauai resident and a volunteer pilot with

Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Kauai Squadron. Currently I am employed as a cook at a cafeteria located

at the Chiefess Kamakahele Middle School. I recently joined Civil Air Patrol so that I can serve my

community in critical times. Whether it be in disaster prevention, disaster relief support and Homeland Security. I have always wanted to be part of this great organization which is made up of dedicated volunteers serving this great nation. But my past obligations prevented me from joining until now. As a new member I am looking forward to serving my community and the State of Hawaii with great pride and dedication.

I submit this e-mail 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.

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, Hurricane warnings in remote parts of Kauai (i.e. Napali Coast), Damage Assessment, Aerial Homeland Security Support and Counter-Drug Reconnaissance.

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I respectfully ask you to support this bill and thank you for your consideration. Hawaii Civil Air Patrol provides a valuable, extremely low-cost service for our state

2/26/2008

Aloha and Mahalo,

Rex Acosta

Lihue, Kauai

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**From:** Colley, Sean N CPT MIL USA USARPAC [sean.colley@us.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 7:40 PM  
**To:** FINtestimony  
**Subject:** HB2555

Dear Representatives,

I support HB2555

Hawaii Civil Air Patrol provides a valuable, extremely low-cost emergency service for our state. It will help save lives!

I encourage you to support this important bill so that the Tsunami Warning mission can be maintained and improved. Mahalo!

V/R

CPT Colley, Sean, US ARMY  
3-25 AVN Regt.  
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**From:** Russell [Russell@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 9:12 PM  
**To:** FINtestimony  
**Subject:** HB2555

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Sincerely,  
Russell Ishizuka  
Senior Member  
Wheeler Composite Squadron  
Hawaii Civil Air Patrol

**WESLEY KAJIWARA - HB 2555 HEARING DATE:TUES, Feb 26, 2008, Item #4, Making an Appropriation for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol**

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**From:** WESLEY KAJIWARA  
**To:** FIntestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov; repmoshiro@Capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2008 11:24 PM  
**Subject:** HB 2555 HEARING DATE:TUES, Feb 26, 2008, Item #4, Making an Appropriation for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol  
**CC:** repsagum@capitol.hawaii.gov

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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**From:** Bill Monroe, Mr Bill's Copier One, LLC [honu@hawaii.usa.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 10:17 PM  
**To:** FINtestimony  
**Subject:** CAP

**Dear Representatives,**

**I support HB2555**

**Hawaii Civil Air Patrol provides a valuable, extremely low-cost service for our state.**

**I encourage you to support this important bill so that the Tsunami Warning mission can be maintained and improved. Mahalo!**

**Sincerely,**

**Bill & Deborah Monroe**

**Mountain View, HI**

## FINtestimony

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**From:** Terence Way [terry@wayforward.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2008 8:50 AM  
**To:** FINtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB2555

Dear Representatives:

I support HB 2555, Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol Appropriations.

I am a Civil Air Patrol volunteer. I am a CAP Mission Pilot, and I've flown several training Tsunami missions. I'm ready for a real tsunami.

On my training flights, I have seen fisherman and boaters in remote places, obviously out of range of the existing warning systems. In the event of a real tsunami, the Civil Air Patrol might be the only way they're told of the danger.

It's a great idea. Get cheap General Aviation airplanes and highly competent volunteer pilots to warn people before the waves, and take pictures and do damage assessment after the waves.

Please support this bill, so we can have trained, qualified pilots, and well-maintained airplanes to continue this mission!

Thank you.

Terence Way  
Pahoa, HI 96778

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**From:** Louis Caporicci [pavelou@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 7:32 PM

**To:** FINtestimony

**Subject:** HB2555

Dear Representatives,  
I support HB2555

Hawaii Civil Air Patrol provides a valuable, extremely low-cost service for our state.

I encourage you to support this important bill so that the Tsunami Warning mission can be maintained and improved. Mahalo!

Sincerely,  
Col Louis A. Caporicci, USAF  
Honolulu

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**From:** Victorino, Ron at KCC [rvictorino@abinc.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 2:51 PM  
**To:** FINtestimony  
**Subject:** Bill HB2555

Please support Bill HB2555 for the Civil Air Patrol  
Thank you,  
Signed Ronald Victorino  
Kauai

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**From:** Dan Bowen [dbowen@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 8:32 PM  
**To:** FINtestimony  
**Cc:** Rep. Gene Ward  
**Subject:** HB2555

Dear Representatives,

I ask for your support of HB 2555 for funding for tsunami warning services to be provided by the Civil Air Patrol. This life saving service can be provided by the CAP at a fraction of the cost from any other agency. The aircraft, facilities, and volunteer personnel are already in place, and can provide the service without a mobilization cost.

Sincerely,

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