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**From:** EGreenia@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 04, 2008 7:52 PM  
**To:** PSMtestimony  
**Cc:** Rep. Roland Sagum  
**Subject:** Support for HB 2555

House Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs  
Chair Representative Cindy Evans  
Via E-Mail

RE: Support for HB 2555

Dear Chairperson Evans 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.

Over the last twenty-five years, state support to Hawaii Civil Air Patrol has varied and we have struggled to maintain readiness. 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 very limited funding.

Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is a national organization staffed by an all-volunteer pool of talent that provides low-cost resources for municipal, state and federal government entities to utilize for Emergency Services, Disaster Relief, Reconnaissance and Homeland Security missions. CAP serves America through these efforts while developing our country's youth and educating our citizens on the importance of air and space power. Our cadet program challenges and educates youth in leadership, military science, aerospace education, emergency services and citizenship.

The Hawaii CAP consists of nearly five hundred adults and cadets who provide not-for-pay, public service to serve our state. Our primary emergency service mission in Hawaii is for Tsunami Warnings. We have performed this mission for over fifty years - in 1957, a CAP squadron on Kauai's north shore was credited with saving at least 400 people. In addition, our volunteer pilots and crews perform various emergency services including: Search and Rescue, Damage Assessment, Aerial Homeland Security Support and Counter-Drug Reconnaissance.

Our recent actions during earthquakes and tsunami warnings include:

- May 2006: A tsunami warning was issued due to an earthquake near Tonga. Our 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 Napali Coast.

The value of our all-volunteer services to the State has been demonstrated repeatedly over the years; for example:

- Hurricane Iniki 1992: Hawaii CAP provided critical transport and communications support to the State and the County of Kauai. We 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: We were instrumental in locating a small plane that went down on Maui.
- In 2003, Hawaii CAP flew nearly 200 missions in support of DEA counter-drug operations.
- February 2004: CAP located the missing air ambulance near Hilo.
- Hawaii 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.
- We have 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.

In the past, Hawaii Civil Air Patrol managed the challenge by blending pilot proficiency and competency training into USAF and DEA funded missions. For example, in 1998, we 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.

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  
Kailua-Kona

Colonel, Civil Air Patrol  
Commander, Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol



## 66<sup>TH</sup> COMPOSITE SQUADRON CIVIL AIR PATROL

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7 February 2008

### House Testimony

**TESTIMONY BEFORE:** Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

**FROM:** 66<sup>th</sup> Composite Squadron, Commander

**SUBJECT: Support for SB 2527: Which makes appropriation for expenses of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.**

Good afternoon Chair Evans, Vice Chair Har and members of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs. My name is Carswell Ross, Lt. Col., Civil Air Patrol Commander of the 66<sup>th</sup> 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 Senate Bill 2527, which seeks the sum of \$295,050 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the operations of the Hawaii civil air patrol:

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

State and federal funds were allocated to Hawaii Wing in FY2007, which resulted in an increase in flight utilization and mission capability.

These funds will allow the organization to continue to significantly increase tsunami warning and search and rescue training for its aircrews.

In return for 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. Funds will be spent 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.

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**From:** Kaohu Detwiler [kaohu91@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 04, 2008 8:29 PM  
**To:** PSMtestimony  
**Subject:** repsagum@capitol.hawaii.gov

Dear Chairperson Evans and Committee Members,

I am Kaohu Detwiler a C/CMsgt. with the 75th Composite Squadron out of Kalaeloa. I have been a CAP cadet now for almost 4 years. In those 4 years I was told I would be able to fly at least 5 times a year. Since I joined i was told that there were not enough funds for us cadets to fly. Although I have earned my solo for glider I would like to see other cadets do the same as I did. Also as the NCOIC of my squadron many of my cadets join for one reason and that is to fly and help serve the community. We can't fly when there are no pilot's. Pilot's need the training not just to fly cadets around but to use their skills to help provide this state with a warning system. I would like to see my cadets achieve their goals, but how can they do that if there are not enough funds for them to do certain activities. These activities are used to help the cadet learn basic and even advanced level's of training to better the community. But many of these activites call for the use of transportation and some of our van's do not meet help at all. Old with age some have hole's in the roof and engines do not start up. As for myself i have earned my solo glider license, Flight line marshal and countless hours of leadership training. CAP does not only teach us to fly but instills in the members that CAP is there for the community, state and nation.

My goals in ther future for CAP is to see cadets achieve their goals. As for myslef I have one year left as a cadet. I still have not yet experienced the full CAP experience. We serve our state with great pride and honor. Without the funds we cannot do so. Please consider this HB.

Mahalo,

Kaohu Detwiler, C/CMsgt. CAP  
West Oahu Composite Squadron  
75th

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**From:** CLS HAWAII - Roger Caires [surveyor1@clshawaii.com]  
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**To:** PSMtestimony  
**Cc:** Rep. Roland Sagum  
**Subject:** HB2555, Making An Appropriation for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol

TO: Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs  
Representative Cindy Evans, Chairperson

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. This funding will make it possible for the CAP to continue to have the capability to deliver Tsunami Warnings for the people of the State of Hawaii as it has since 1957. Without State funding, the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol cannot provide the level of service required for the State wide Tsunami Warning and Disaster Relief Missions.  
I urge you to support this bill and thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,  
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House Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs  
Chair Representative Cindy Evans

RE: Support for HB 2555

Dear Chairperson Evans 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.

I'm a 13-year-old Cadet at the West Oahu Squadron for about one and one-half years now, and have found this program to be exceptional and challenging. I plan to be a member for as long as I can, and would greatly appreciate the passing of this bill to support our 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.

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

Sincerely,

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Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs  
Representative Cindy Evans

RE: Support for HB 2555

Dear Representative Evans,

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

I know that you are aware and have a good understanding of what Civil Air Patrol is all about. I just want to give you a review of key areas of the CAP program. We provide excellent training for cadets and seniors, and 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, all this done by volunteers, people who care and have a concern to help our community.

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 and three cadets who entered the Navy Academy. We also have 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.

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:

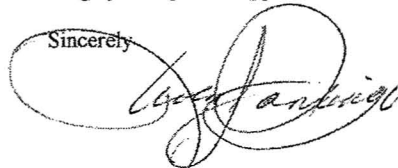
- Reduced tsunami warning training missions and inadequate training of pilots, aircrews and ground teams,
- Elimination of Orientation Flights for Cadets
- Cut back in cadet activities

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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**From:** LES WARD [ljward13@msn.com]  
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**To:** PSMtestimony  
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Chair Representative Cindy Evans

RE: Support for HB 2555

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

Sincerely,  
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**To:** PSMtestimony  
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**Subject:** HB2555

To: Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs  
Representative Cindy Evans, Chairperson

I submit this testimony in support of HB2555 and also request your support. This bill will make it possible for the CAP to continue to deliver Tsunami Warnings for the people of Hawaii. I urge you to support this bill and thank you for your consideration.

Lt. Col. Ronald Victorino  
Commander  
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TO: The House Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs  
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Re Support for HB 2555

Dear Chairperson Evans and Committee Members

This email testimony is to urge you and the committee to support HB 2555, appropriations to the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol.

The Civil Air Patrol, a fully voluntary organization, plays a significant role in the State's Civil Defense man-made or natural disaster posture by conducting Tsunami Warning flights, providing transportation and light cargo hauling, medical supplies and any other missions required for the safety of our community and State.

The funds are much needed to continue to train new members, maintain currency and proficiency, to defray high maintenance and fuel costs, and to ensure radio facilities and administrative backup is provided.

Our readiness has been proven many times over the years. The recent, in October 2006 and January 2007 Tsunami warnings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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2/6/2008

February 5, 2008

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**RE: Support for HB 2555**

Dear Chairperson Evans 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.

As a volunteer member of CAP, and a mother of a 15 year old CAP cadet, I have personally experienced the value and need for the Civil Air Patrol here in Hawaii. Not only are we able to provide the State of Hawaii with vital emergency services including aerial tsunami warnings, search and rescue (both air and ground teams), aerial damage assessments (after earthquakes, flooding, lava flows, etc.), aerial Homeland Security support and counter-drug reconnaissance; but we also provide a wonderful opportunity for our youth to develop leadership skills, investigate the fundamentals of aerospace science, acquire the habit of exercising regularly, solidify their character, train and participate in SAR (Search and Rescue) exercises and missions, provide community services and engage in exciting hands-on activities that prepare them to become responsible citizens who serve their community through our Cadet Program.

Hawaii Civil Air Patrol is an **ALL VOLUNTEER**, non-profit organization and relies on state funding to help defray operational expenses. No one is paid a dime, and we must do a lot of fundraising to pay for the basics (like utilities, building maintenance, office supplies) just to keep the organization and programs 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,
- Inability to adequately communicate among various emergency personnel,
- Inadequate training of pilots, aircrews and ground teams,
- Reduction in the size of our aircraft fleet and ground vehicles,
- Elimination of orientation flights for cadets

I strongly urge you to support this bill and thank you for your time, effort and consideration.

Sincerely,

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**To:** PSMtestimony  
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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,

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February 5, 2008

House Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs  
Chair Representative Cindy Evans

RE: Support for HB 2555

Dear Chairperson Evans and Committee Members,

I submit this fax 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. 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 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 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.

Sincerely,

/s/ DANIEL D. BOWEN  
COLONEL CAP



## HAWAII WING CIVIL AIR PATROL

To: Representative Cindy Evans, Chair  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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

Date: Thursday, February 7, 2008  
8:45 p.m., House Conference Room 309

**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 Evans, and members of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs. 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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I urge you to support this bill and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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**To:** PSMtestimony  
**Subject:** HB2555, Appropriation to the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol

Testimony to the Committee of Public Safety and Military Affairs

Appropriation to the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol House Bill 2555

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

In Support of HB2555, Appropriations to the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). The Hawaii Wing CAP is an integral partner and "first responders" that supports the State of Hawaii in providing airborne tsunami warning patrols for all of the major Hawaiian Islands. CAP is tasked by the Hawaii State Civil Defense to fly airborne warning patrol flights to inundated areas whenever deemed necessary to warn residents, tourists, surfers, and swimmers of an impending "tsunami." CAP is manned by an all "volunteer force." All operational aircrews, operational personnel, communicators are manned by "non-paid" members of the Hawaii Wing CAP. The Hawaii Wing CAP benefits the citizens of Hawaii in the following ways:

1. Provides tsunami warning aircraft patrols (nine aircraft) for the State of Hawaii.
2. Assists in search and rescue missions when called by the US Coast Guard in locating downed aircraft and personnel. CAP is frequently called upon to locate "activated" emergency locator beacons which are usually set off during an aircraft emergency. This service is provided for all the Hawaiian Islands.
3. Assist the Hawaii Army National Guard in providing "escort" flights for their helicopters flying interisland.
4. CAP was "instrumental" during Hurricane Iniki in which CAP was the only agency that was available to provide radio communications between Oahu Civil Defense and the Kauai Civil Defense. This greatly enhanced the recovery efforts for the people of Kauai.
5. Presently, CAP is working in close partnership with the Hawaii State Civil Defense in areas of natural disaster warning, recovery operations and in the area of Homeland Defense.

The Hawaii Wing CAP has been an integral part of Hawaii since 1946, starting with the leadership of former State Territorial Representative Benjamin Dillingham, who served as the first wing commander of the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol. With continued state funding and support, Civil Air Patrol will continue to serve our state and our citizens of Hawaii. I urge the committee to pass HB2555.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit this testimonial.

STANLEY Y. FERNANDEZ, Colonel, CAP  
Former Wing Commander  
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STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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

PRESENTATION TO THE  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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Chair Evans 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.

This proposed bill will appropriate \$292,050 out of the general revenues for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the operational expenses of the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol. This proposed bill will enable the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol to continue its operations in support of the Hawaii Civil Defense system. These operations are especially crucial to the Civil Defense warning system for tsunami alerts. Additionally, the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol performs other important missions for Civil Defense such as air reconnaissance, aerial damage assessments, inland search and rescue, and small cargo delivery when inter-island transportation is not available.

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

Madam Chair, this concludes my testimony. Are there any questions?

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**TESTIMONY TO THE  
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs**

**APPROPRIATION TO THE  
HAWAII WING CIVIL AIR PATROL  
HB2555**

**Thursday, 7 February 2008  
8:45 A.M.**

**Conference Room 309**

**BY**

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**In support of HB2555, Appropriations to the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). The Hawaii Wing CAP is an integral partner and "first responders" that supports the State of Hawaii in providing "airborne tsunami" warning patrols for all of the major Hawaiian Islands. CAP is tasked by the Hawaii State Civil Defense to fly airborne warning flights to tsunami inundated areas whenever deemed necessary to warn residents, tourists, surfers, and swimmers of an impending "tsunami." CAP is manned by an all "volunteer force. All operational aircrews, operational personnel, communicators are manned by non-paid members of the Hawaii Wing CAP. The Hawaii Wing CAP benefits the citizens of Hawaii in the following ways:**


- 1. Provides airborne tsunami warning aircraft patrols (nine airplanes) for the state of Hawaii.**
- 2. Provides search and rescue assistance to the US Coast Guard in locating downed aircraft and personnel. CAP is frequently called upon by the Coast Guard in locating "activated" emergency locator beacons which**

are usually set off during emergency. This service is provided for all islands.

3. **Assisting the Hawaii Army National Guard in providing escort flights for their helicopters flying interisland.**
4. **CAP was instrumental during Hurricane Iniki" in providing the "only" operational radio communications between Oahu (Hawaii State Civil Defense) and Kauai Civil Defense following the hurricane which significantly assisted in the recovery and rebuilding efforts for the citizens of Kauai and Northern Oahu.**
5. **Presently, CAP is working in close partnership with the Hawaii State Civil Defense in areas of natural disaster warning, recovery operations, and in the area of Weapons of Mass Destruction/Homeland Security.**

**The Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol has been an integral part of Hawaii since 1946, starting with the leadership of former State Territorial Representative Benjamin Dillingham, our first Wing Commander. With continued state funding and support, Civil Air Patrol will continue to serve our state and our citizens in Hawaii. I urge the committee to pass HB2555.**

**Thank you for this opportunity to submit this testimonial.**

  
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