

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 114
REQUESTING THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO
CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ALLOWING THE FACILITIES
AT LUALUALEI, WHICH ARE OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES NAVY, TO BE USED AS AN
EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR CIVILIANS

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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Chair Inouye and Committee Members:

I am Major General Bob Lee, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony on House Concurrent Resolution 114.

The proposed Resolution requests that State Civil Defense perform a feasibility study of the U.S. Navy Magazine at Lualualei to determine if facilities could be made available for use as public emergency shelters. Since our testimony submittal for the March 20, 2008, hearing in the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, our staff research revealed past investigations into this issue. A previous Civil Defense survey of Lualualei Naval Magazine facilities did not recommend or show any building appropriate for emergency shelter use.

Unfortunately, the operational and logistical mission of the Lualualei Naval Magazine precludes using the facility for public shelters. For this reason, we believe this resolution is unnecessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on this measure.