

TESTIMONY OF

Daniel Paul de Gracia, II
Concerned Citizen

BEFORE THE

House Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
Chair, Cindy Evans
Vice Chair, Sharon E. Har

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MEASURE

HCR194 / HR163

"REQUESTING THE U.S. NAVY TO CLEAR THE COASTLINE OF LOWER WAIPAHU UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION FROM INVASIVE PLANT-LIFE AND EXCESSIVE FOLIAGE FOR SAFETY AND AESTHETIC PURPOSES."

Thursday, March 20, 2008

Conference Room 309, 11:05 am

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Chair Evans, Vice Chair Har, Honorable Members et al:

The purpose of this resolution is to engage the Department of the Navy in anti-foliage operations against invasive plant growth along the coastline of Lower Waipahu.

As demonstrated by the swell of public interest in the Armed Services surrounding the release of the 2007 Michael Bay film "Transformers" which showcased numerous USAF aircraft and equipment including the CV-22 Osprey, MH-53 Pave Low, C-17 Globemaster III, F-22A Raptor, A-10 Thunderbolt II, F-117 Nighthawk, F-16 Fighting Falcon and AC-130U Spectre Gunship, I think that this is an outstanding resolution which would serve as both a source of community pride and an excellent recruiting opportunity for the Armed Services and possibly even a source for tourist interest, if acted upon.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony of Marina Raquel

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Members of the Committee:

I am in strong support of these resolutions and ask you to please pass them on to adoption.

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CHAIR REPRESENTATIVE CINDY EVANS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 194 / HR 163

From Tom Berg/ Ewa Beach Resident

The City and State are responsible for providing a clean environment within their jurisdictions and permit the public at large to participate in endeavors to maintain such conditions.

However, the Navy, the predominant land owner along the banks of both West and Middle Lochs, has permitted abandoned vehicles, and other white goods illegally discarded to remain on the landscape for decades.

By the military properly disposing of these items and removing them from the landscape will enhance the efforts undertaken by the volunteers working on other sensitive environmental sites that abut military property such as the 70 acre Pouhala Marsh and Kapakahi Stream nearby.

In addition, addressing invasive species for removal (encroaching from military property onto endangered wildlife areas) is a sound practice for the State of Hawaii to employ and do so in unison with all property owners to achieve the results sought.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

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