

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2527
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 G. F. LEE
DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

February 1, 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 Senate Bill 2527.

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 Senate Bill 2527 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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1 February 2008

Senate Testimony

TESTIMONY BEFORE: Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

FROM: 66th Composite Squadron, Commander

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

Good afternoon Chair Inouye, Vice Chair 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 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.

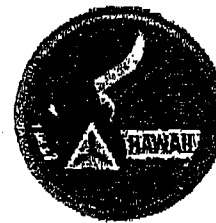
In return for funding, Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol provides, for pennies on the dollar, vital services to the citizens of the State of Hawaii, 24 hours/day, and 365 days/year. Funds will spent in accordance with MOU agreed upon by the State Civil Defense and Civil Air Patrol.

Thank you for this opportunity to support SB 2527.

CARSWELL J. ROSS Jr., Lt Col. CAP
66th Composite Commander



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30 Jan 2008

Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Chairperson Senator Lorraine Inouye
Via FAX: 800-586-6659 and 808-586-7339

RE: Support for SB 2527

Dear Senator Inouye and Committee Members,
I submit this testimony to you in support of SB 2527 and ask that you support this bill that will make a much needed appropriation to the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol.

As you may know, the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol has proven its ability to deliver Tsunami Warnings. Our all volunteer organization has provided this service 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. We depend on state funding to defray operational expenses. Previous budget reductions significantly hampered our capability to provide proficiency training required to execute our comprehensive array of aerial and ground operations. A continued lack of adequate funding will result in:

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- 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 - Mahalo for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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EARL G. GREENIA, Colonel, CAP
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January 30, 2008

via fax

Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Chair Senator Lorraine Inouye
Via FAX: 808-586-6659

RE: Support for SB 2527 (Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol)

Dear Committee Members,

We submit this fax testimony to you in support of SB 2527 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 historical tsunami warning and disaster relief missions.

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

Sincerely,

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ROGER M. CAIRES

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SUSAN C. CAIRES

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

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

Date: Friday, February 1, 2008
1:15 p.m., Room 2299

Subject: SB2527 - 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, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and members of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding SB 2527. 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.

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

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January 30, 2008

Via Fax: 586-6659

To: Testimony to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Chair Senator Lorraine Inouye

Subject: Support for SB 2527 (An appropriation for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol)
Feb. 1, 2008, Conference Room 229

Dear Members,

I wholeheartedly support SB 2527, which appropriates monies to Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol to perform various civil defense missions for the State of Hawaii.

Civil Air Patrol's members have continued to play a pivotal role in the areas of Tsunami warning, damage assessment, homeland security and search and rescue. Additional program is the cadet program for Hawaii's youths.

Previous State funds allocated to Hawaii Wing resulted in an increase in flight utilization and mission capability. Proof of this training and currency is on record, CAP provided rapid response and flown missions requested by the Counties and the State during recent incidents in 2006, 2007. And CAP is ready to continue to do so.

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, 365 days/year. Funds will be spent in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement agreed upon by the State Civil Defense and Civil Air Patrol.

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

Sincerely,



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Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Chair Senator Lorraine Inouye
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I urge you to support this bill and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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January 31, 2008

Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
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Via FAX: 808-586-6659

RE: Support for SB 2527

Dear Committee Members,

I submit this fax testimony to you in support of SB 2527 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.

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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,



DATE



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

Sincerely, *Stephen D. Murray, Senior Member, Kihei Squadron*
(former LTCOL. United States Marine Corps)

31 January 2008

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RE: Support for **SB 2527**

Dear Committee Members,

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Perhaps like me you were unaware of the Civil Air Patrol and what it does **for Hawaii**. One year ago my teenage daughter asked to join and I went along to support her. After that initial meeting we were there to stay. She and I drive each Saturday morning from La'ie to Barber's Point. I have essentially given up all of my Saturday's for the Civil Air Patrol. I remain impressed with what CAP does.

However, if the Civil Air Patrol was simply another youth citizenship program, this request might not be as urgent. But, Civil Air Patrol is much more than that. In addition to the Cadet Programs that teach our youth ages 12-21 about Leadership, Moral Leadership, Physical Fitness and Aerospace the Civil Air Patrol has an impressive group of **VOLUNTEER** adult members who support missions **critical** to the **safety** of our beloved islands. From **Tsunami Warning Flights**, **Damage Assessment** and **Search and Rescue** operations to **Homeland Security** Support, CAP stands **ready to serve** the people of Hawaii.

However, **maintaining readiness** requires resources and the support of our Hawaii Legislature. Without your support, missions **critical to Hawaii** will be negatively impacted. Your support this year and in the future is essential to the long-term success of the missions performed by the Civil Air Patrol. Without State funding, the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol cannot provide the level of service the people of Hawaii deserve. I urge you to support this bill and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Sincerely,

Ivan Sanches
Senior Member 2nd Lieutenant, West Oahu Squadron, CAP

30 January 2008

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Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Chair Senator Lorraine Inouye

RE: Support for SB 2527

Dear Senator Inouye and Committee Members,

Please support of SB 2527 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.

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:

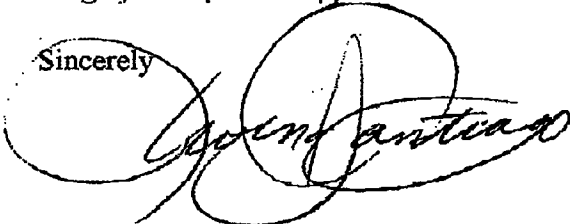
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We provide a wonderful opportunity for our youth to serve their community while learning many new skills through the Cadet Program as well as supporting our state.

Approval of SB 2527 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 SB 2527.

Sincerely



SUPPORT

Senate Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
February 01, 2008 at 1:15 PM
Conference Room 229

Senate Bill 2527 - MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII CIVIL AIR PATROL.

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye Chair
Senator Shan S. Tsutsui Vice-Chair

Committee Member: Senator Fred Hemmings

The bill would provide Hawaii Wing with as much as \$295,050 funding for fiscal year 2009 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009). This funding will provide support primarily for CAP Tsunami Watch mission as well as for vehicles, state-of-the-art public address equipment and assistance to Hawaii's seven squadrons.

Hawaii civil air patrol provides necessary disaster relief, search and rescue, homeland security, and medical emergency transport services to local and national organizations. The Hawaii civil air patrol also provides low-cost humanitarian emergency services and homeland security support to the State, through the humanitarian pre-disaster emergency warning and post-disaster recovery operations, as well as support to federal agencies involved with homeland security in the event of a terrorist attack.

The level of funding has historical been low. The Hawaii civil air patrol has struggled to maintain its readiness capabilities. In the past, it has relied upon combining pilot proficiency and competency training with the United States Air Force and Drug Enforcement Administration programs. However, the funding on the federal level is declining. The lack of funding has other adverse consequences to the State, including maintaining an adequate tsunami warning system and disaster relief missions.

I have been a member of Hawaii Civil Air patrol for 20 years to support our son as a CAP cadet. I have been inactive recently but this will change now that my husband has retired. We own a Grumman AA-1B trainer located at Honolulu Airport.

I SUPPORT the purpose of this Act to make an appropriation to help defray the operational expenses of the Hawaii civil air patrol.

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29 January 2008

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

Sincerely,

Barbara B. Cooper

January 29, 2008

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My son is a cadet with the Kona unit and is proud to be a member. He understands the value and importance of being a part of the Civil Air Patrol.

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,

Tracey Seki Matsuyama

29 January 2008

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Sincerely,



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

January 30, 2007

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Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
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RE: Support for S.B. No. 2527 Appropriation for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol

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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.

Finally, having trained pilots and aircrews is important to our Cadet program which teaches youth about aerospace, aviation careers, self discipline, and leadership skills. Cadet orientation flights in our aircraft are probably the main reason cadets join Civil Air Patrol as an extracurricular activity instead of or in addition to JROTC school programs. I urge you to support this bill and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wesley Kajiwara

Dear Senators,
I strongly urge you to support SB 2527 which would provide badly needed support of our CAP in Hawaii.

Thank you very much,
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January 30, 2008

Via Fax:586-6659

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To: Testimony to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
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Subject: Support for SB 2527 (An appropriation for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol
Feb 1 2008, Conference Room 229

Dear Members,

I wholeheartedly support SB2527, which appropriates monies to Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol to perform various civil defense missions for the State of Hawaii.

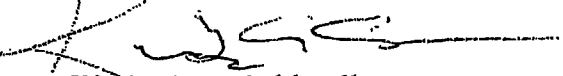
Civil Air Patrol's members have continued to play a pivotal role in the areas of Tsunami warning, damage assessment, homeland security and search and rescue. Additional program is the cadet program for Hawaii's youths.

Previous State funds allocated to Hawaii Wing resulted in an increase in flight utilization and mission capability. Proof of this training and currency is on record. CAP provided rapid response and flown missions requested by the Counties and the State during recent incidents in 2006, 2007. And CAP is ready to continue to do so.

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 the Memorandum of Agreement agreed upon by the State Civil Defense and Civil Air Patrol.

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

Sincerely,



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