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<!--[if !supportEmptyParas]-->To: <!--[endif]-->
Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Chair Senator Lorraine Inouye

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. <!--[endif]-->
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. <!--[endif]-->
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. <!--[endif]-->

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

Sincerely, <!--[endif]-->

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

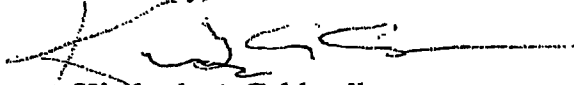
Civil Air Patrol's members have continued to play a pivotal role in the areas of Tsunami warning, damage assessment, homeland security and search and rescue. Additional program is the cadet program for Hawaii's youths.

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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TESTIMONY OF CAL KAWAMOTO
ON SB2527

GOOD AFTERNOON HONORABLE CHAIR SENATOR INOUE AND VICE CHAIR SENATOR TSUITSUI, AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MY NAME IS CAL KAWAMOTO SENIOR MEMBER OF THE HAWAII CIVIL AIR PATROL (CAP) WING. I'M HERE TO STRONGLY SUPPORT THE APPROPRIATION OF \$295,050 TO THE HAWAII'S WING FOR ITS OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COST.

THE CAP PRIMARY MISSION IS TO ASSIST CIVIL DEFENCE DURING TSUNAMI WARNING AND SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) MISSIONS ALL OF WHICH ARE DONE BY PILOTS VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME FOR THESE MISSIONS. THESE FUNDS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE AIRCRAFTS IN KONA AND HILO ON THE BIG ISLAND AND KAUAI, AND MAUI. REMEMBER A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN THE COAST GUARD WAS DISPATCHED FOR THE TWO KYAKERS LOST AT SEA THE COAST GUARD TOLD ME WHEN I WAS CHAIR OF THIS COMMITTEE IT COST IN THE \$MILLIONS FOR THAT SEARCH. THIS APPROPRIATIONS IS A SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR THIS ASSURANCE AND CAPABILITY.

IN ADDITION, THE CAP INTRODUCES OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THE INTRODUCTION TO AVIATION

I HUMBLY ASK YOUR SUPPORT IN APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS IN SB2527.

MAHALO FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK ON THIS BILL.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cal Kawamoto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cal" being particularly prominent.