

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 292
REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU CONDUCT A STUDY ON
THE FEASIBILITY OF USING FACILITIES AT THE UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVATION
AT LUALUALEI FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER PURPOSES

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

BY

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT G. F. LEE
DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

April 2, 2009

Chair Hanohano, Chair Tokioka, and Committee Members:

I am Major General Bob Lee, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony supporting the intent of House Concurrent Resolution 292.

The proposed Resolution requests that the Legislative Reference Bureau 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. We support the intent of this resolution as it may provide information on facilities at the Naval Magazine that could be used for emergency sheltering purposes.

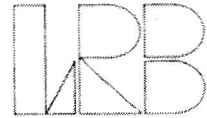
A prior civil defense survey of Lualualei Naval Magazine facilities did not recommend or show any building appropriate for emergency shelter use.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony supporting the intent of this resolution.

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Written Testimony

HCR292 / HR264

REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF USING FACILITIES AT THE UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVATION AT LUALUALEI FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER PURPOSES

Testimony by the Legislative Reference Bureau
Ken H. Takayama, Director

Presented to the House Committees on Public Safety and Legislative Management

Thursday, April 2, 2009, 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 309

Chairs Hanohano and Tokioka and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on House Concurrent Resolution No. 292. The Bureau takes **no position** either for or against the measure, but offers the following **comments**:

1. The measure requests the Legislative Reference Bureau to study the feasibility of using facilities and the U.S. Naval Reservation at Lualualei for emergency shelter purposes.
2. From a general standpoint, the study requested in this measure appears to be manageable. And if the Legislature really wants us to do this study, we will do it to the best of our ability. However, certain caveats need to be mentioned:
 - a. The staff of the Bureau is generally geared to do work on policy issues. We do not have expertise in such areas as engineering.
 - b. Our ability to accomplish anything with respect to this study may be totally dependent upon the willingness of the United States Navy to provide information and assistance.
3. Finally, if this measure is to pass, we request that it be amended to request the Department of the Attorney General to provide an opinion on the potential liability exposure the State may face by encouraging (if only in the face of an emergency) members of the State's civilian population to place themselves in proximity to the approximately 78,000 tons of ammunition and explosives that apparently (according to the Concurrent Resolution) are stored at the Lualualei Naval Reservation.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.

To: Representative Faye Hanohano, Committee Chair House Committee on Public Safety, Representative James Tokioka, Committee Chair House Committee on Legislative Management

From: Lautoa F. Atisanoe, Jr.

Date: Thursday, April 2nd, 2009, Conference Room 309, 10:30AM

Re: SUPPORT for HCR292 & HR264

Chair Hanohano, Chair Tokioka and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support** of HCR292, requesting that the Legislative Reference Bureau conduct a study on the feasibility of using facilities at the United States Naval Reservation at Lualualei for emergency shelter purposes.

Looking into and considering Lualualei as a possible emergency shelter is worthwhile. In the event of a natural disaster, evacuating tens of thousands of people from the Leeward Coast will be impossible. Additionally, potential road closures will cause further complications, which will ultimately leave people helpless. With only one roadway out of the West Coast, the need for effective planning cannot be stressed enough. Planning for a disaster needs to take place now, rather than simply waiting around until disaster hits. HCR292 will assist in getting the Waianae Coast more prepared for these unexpected events.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to vote in support of HCR292 & HR264.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

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