

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2805
A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE
HAWAII CIVIL AIR PATROL FOR OPERATING EXPENSES

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

BY

EDWARD T. TEIXEIRA
VICE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

February 11, 2010

Chair Hanohano and Committee Members:

I am Ed Teixeira, Vice Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing testimony on House Bill 2805.

This proposed bill will appropriate funds out of the general revenues 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 House Bill 2805 so long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget Request.

This concludes my testimony. Are there any questions?

**HEADQUARTERS
CIVIL AIR PATROL, HAWAII WING
United States Air Force Auxiliary
419 Lele Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96820
Phone: (808)836-3417 Fax: (808)834-6595**

**TESTIMONY TO THE
House Public Safety Committee**

**MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE
HAWAII WING CIVIL AIR PATROL**

HB2805

**Thursday, 11 February 2009
0930A.M.
Conference Room 309**

FROM

**Stanley Y. Fernandez, Colonel, CAP
Director, Government Affairs**

**TO: Chairman Hanohano, Vice Chair Aquino
And Members of the Committee**

I support and strongly endorse HB2805, making an appropriation to the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol. I am a former Wing Commander of this great organization of "volunteers," a former Squadron Commander of Cadets for the Moanalua High School and Kailua High School Cadet Squadrons. I have been personally involved with the men and women volunteers who serve our Great State and community who give so much of their time, personal treasure, and talents as pilots, aircrew, maintenance, radio operations, command operations, vehicle, logistics, and administration and all of what it takes to operate and maintain the Civil Air Patrol. I started as a "cadet" in the Civil Air Patrol, when I attended high school (over 50 years ago). The Civil Air Patrol in Hawaii has served our

State in areas of civil defense, flying airborne tsunami warning flights in all of the areas in the State of Hawaii (all islands) providing warning to swimmers, surfers, of an impending tsunami. The CAP flies and provide airborne warning to all areas not covered with state public address systems and siren warning. CAP has provided this service faithfully for over 50 years. The CAP provides aerospace training to cadets and schools who request this training at no charge. The CAP this past year, 2009, even with limited funding that we received from the State Civil Defense, provided airborne capability in three actual tsunami warnings this past year. CAP had nine airplanes with aircrews ready to respond Had the State Civil Defense requested CAP to fly. This funding bill request will ensure that CAP in Hawaii can continue this much needed civil defense support to the State of Hawaii. The cost of flying an aircraft amounts to \$135 per hour vs the many thousands of dollars an hour to fly Air National Guard flying assets or Coast Guard flying assets. CAP is provided funding for flying search and rescue missions for the Air Force and when requested by the Coast Guard. CAP IS NOT FUNDED TO FLY "TSUNAMI WATCH OR WARNING PATROL MISSIONS!" In the past six years, CAP Hawaii, has been more involved with "tsunami" type missions as requested by State Civil Defense. CAP Hawaii critically needs funding for tsunami mission training, maintenance, and operations. We are fully aware of the fiscal problem in the State this year. The federal government issues the Hawaii Wing CAP with nine airplanes to provide the state to support this tsunami mission, however, does not provide funding for fuel, oil, maintenance and training. The Air Force expects each airplane to fly a minimum of 200 hours per year, however, with limited funding since 1996, CAP Hawaii has not been able to fulfill this requirement. Last year, the Air Force took one airplane away from Hawaii. Until 2008, CAP Hawaii had "ten" aircraft to support Hawaii. To preclude losing any more aircraft assets, we need to increase our flying training hours or risk the loss of further aircraft assets. Once lost, it takes a long time to recover from this loss of aircraft assets. Other states are hungry to gain our aircraft. Therefore, I strongly endorse HB2805, Making an Appropriation to the Civil Air Patrol bill. Thank you for the opportunity to share my views on this important matter.

**STANLEY Y. FERNANDEZ, Colonel, CAP
Director, Government/Legislative Affairs**

aquino1-Ruffalyne

From: herbkane06@juno.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 8:42 AM
To: PBStestimony
Subject: HB 2805 Making Appropriation to the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol

Honorable State Representative Faye P. Hanohano Room 303 Chair. Public Safety Committee
Hawaii State House of Representative Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Representative Hanohano

Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol (CAP), is a non-profit all volunteer organization. Our goal is to support the community in any way we can by participating in tsunami warning, search and rescue, disaster damage assessment and the cadet program. In order to prepare for this, we must do a lot of training and maintain our equipment. With all these training we do in preparation, we need funds.

Therefore, I strongly endorse HB 2805 - Making an appropriation to the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views on this important matter.

HERBERT T. KANESHIGE, Colonel, CAP
Deputy Director, Government/Legislative Affairs

aquino1-Ruffalyne

From: Joe Kaanapu, Jr. [jjk77@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2010 12:00 PM
To: PBStestimony
Subject: In Support of HB 2805

*Honorable State Representative Faye P. Hanohano Rm 303
Chair, Public Safety Committee
Hawaii State House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 996813*

Dear Representative Hanohano

I urge your support for HB 2805 - Making an Appropriation to the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol (CAP). The Civil Air Patrol is an important asset for warning swimmers and surfers of an impending tsunami. The CAP supports the State Civil Defense Department by providing airborne single engine aircraft to warn Hawaii residents in areas where there are no siren warning or public address systems of impending tsunamis. This past year, Hawaii experienced three actual tsunami warnings and CAP had nine airplanes and volunteer aircrew members standing by to provide airborne warning to swimmers, surfers and for the areas without the public address/siren systems. All CAP aircraft are equipped with a loud public address system and siren. CAP assets, i.e., aircraft, vehicles, radios, are provided by the Air Force for search and rescue mission support. CAP assists Coast Guard and the Air Force in search and rescue. However, the Air Force does not provided funding for Hawaii State tsunami airborne patrols, for fuel, oil, maintenance, and training for this "volunteer" CAP mission. CAP legislative funding was discontinued in 1996 from the State Legislature. In 2003, the CAP received \$50,000 from the Legislature and \$50,000 from the State Civil Defense Homeland Security Funding. In 2004 til present, CAP was not funded by the State for tsunami missions or training. In 2004 til present, CAP Hawaii has not been funded by the State. We are fortunate that the State Civil Defense has been able to provide the CAP with \$50,000 in 2009. Passage of HB2805 will ensure that CAP can continue to support Hawaii with an airborne aircraft warning system for tsunamis. It cost \$135 per hour to fly a CAP aircraft versus the thousands of dollars an hour to fly a helicopter or C-130 cargo aircraft and even more to utilize an F-15 fighter aircraft to provide this warning. I urge you support for HB 2805. Thank you for allowing me to share my views on this matter.

Joseph J. Kaanapu, Jr., Captain, CAP
Webmaster

Civil Air Patrol, Hawaii Wing

Phone: Cell (808) 341-4987

Email: jjk77@hawaiiantel.net

aquino1-Ruffalyne

From: Bean, Keith O CW3 MIL USA USARPAC [keith.bean1@us.army.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2010 11:53 PM
To: PBStestimony
Cc: 'Joe'; donq8401@yahoo.com; obella808@hotmail.com; polvinix@msn.com; iolanihi@gmail.com; theresaavril@aol.com; ammkbean@msn.com; rmeav8r_47son@hawaiiintel.net; jbedient@gmail.com; kbinsted@hotmail.com; jbird16@hotmail.com; clevenger.deborah@gmail.com; TACole@hawaii.rr.com; colleyhawk@yahoo.com; Mike.decaprio@gmail.com; kdecaprio@msn.com; dorado_lucy@hotmail.com; specter6476@hotmail.com; tony4atmos@aol.com; cindyfiui@hotmail.com; bradley@hawaiiintel.net; teresa1955@hawaiiintel.net; Teresa1955@hawaiiintel.net; clyde.furushima@boh.com; csgering@hawaii.rr.com; csgering@hawaii.rr.com; mgodmere@hawaii.rr.com; JessicaGraham1@mac.com; gahatter@hawaii.rr.com; RHayes52@earthlink.net; Veronica.henohenderson@yahoo.com; mikehilbert@gmail.com; heath.holt@us.army.mil; CSIfan1576@yahoo.com; WheelerCAP@hawaii.rr.com; jarboems@aol.com; jjk77@hawaiiintel.net; peanut92@live.com; karenkeala@gmail.com; joekina@yahoo.com; gleibert@centurytel.net; Miktas38@hawaii.rr.com; jeffrey.lovejoy@us.army.mil; Robert_Marriott@msn.com; yukomatsumotosoar@hotmail.com; donna.meyer2@us.army.mil; michiokad001@hawaii.rr.com; anthonyhockey11@hotmail.com; james.p.murphy@gmail.com; harleyraider219@hotmail.com; koliveir2005@yahoo.com; pm62@hawaii.rr.com; ozgucomer@hotmail.com; mrendles@yahoo.com; melteach@juno.com; jtaafaki@mac.com; gvon@hawaii.rr.com; ddwallin2003@yahoo.com; pilot07@hotmail.com; russ.whalen@yahoo.com; jwood112@juno.com; tcsv00717@hotmail.com; nradoc@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: HB 2805 - Making an Appropriation to the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol

*Honorable State Representative Faye P. Hanohano Rm 303
Chair, Public Safety Committee
Hawaii State House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 996813*

Dear Representative Hanohano

I urge your support for HB 2805 - Making an Appropriation to the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol (CAP). The Hawaii Wing of the US Civil Air Patrol (USCAP) is a critical, efficient, and cost effective asset available to the State of Hawaii and other government and private agencies. The Hawaii Wing has demonstrated its superb capability for warning swimmers, surfers, boaters, and beach goers of an impending tsunami. It cost \$135 per hour to fly a CAP aircraft versus the thousands of dollars an hour to fly a helicopter, C-130 cargo aircraft, or an F-15 fighter aircraft to provide this warning.

The residents and visitors of Hawaii depend on the USCAP Hawaii for early warning and ever vigilance against all forms of natural disasters; Tsunamis, Hurricanes, Earthquakes, Fires, Critical Infrastructure collapse of failure. USCAP Hawaii isn't just about the airplane and the early warning against natural disasters. USCAP Hawaii is about volunteers; it is about our education and youth activities; it is about our future and current leaders, military members, pilots, firemen, policemen, EMTs, paramedics; it is about Hawaii.

Across our great Nation, every state of the Union relies on the selfless service from hundreds and thousands of volunteers in the USCAP. Missions are as diverse as Search and Rescue, Wildlife Surveys and Tracking, US Forest Service Patrols, Fire Spotting, Port and Critical Infrastructure Surveillance and

Reconnaissance , Communications Relays, Disaster Response, Support to Civil Law Enforcement, Counter Drug Operations, and Multi-Spectral Change Detection via the ARCHER . USCAP is America's defense. The Hawaii Wing of the US Civil Air Patrol is Hawaii's front line. We must have your financial support to remain viable in the Nation's and Hawaii's emergency response and security role.

USCAP Hawaii does not receive funding from the Air Force nor the State of Hawaii for its tsunami airborne patrols, or for the fuel, oil, maintenance, and training required to execute this demanding and all volunteer CAP mission. CAP legislative funding was discontinued in 1996 from the State Legislature. From 2004 until present, USCAP Hawaii has not been funded by the State for tsunami missions or training, yet we have continued to support the State of Hawaii in this mission. We are fortunate the Hawaii State Civil Defense has chosen to invest in the people and mission of the USCAP in Hawaii and has provided the CAP with \$50,000 in 2003 and 2009. Passage of HB2805 will ensure that USCAP Hawaii can continue to support the State of Hawaii with efficient, cost-effective, and relevant all volunteer Emergency Services, Aerospace Education, Disaster Response, and Homeland Security. I urge your support for HB 2805. Invest in the people of Hawaii, in our safety and security. Thank you for allowing me to share my views on this matter.

**Keith O. Bean, Captain, CAP
Mission Pilot / Scanner / Observer
Civil Air Patrol, Wheeler Composite Squadron
Phone: (808)622-3469 (home)
(253) 655-4854 (skype – deployed Iraq)
Email: keith.bean1@us.army.mil**

From: sean colley [colleyhawk@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 11:49 AM
To: PBStestimony
Subject: HB 2805 - Making an Appropriation to the Hawaii Civil Air

*Honorable State Representative Faye P. Hanohano Rm 303
Chair, Public Safety Committee
Hawaii State House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 996813*

Dear Representative Hanohano

I urge your support for HB 2805 - Making an Appropriation to the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol (CAP). The Hawaii Wing of the US Civil Air Patrol (USCAP) is a critical, efficient, and cost effective asset available to the State of Hawaii and other government and private agencies. The Hawaii Wing has demonstrated its superb capability for warning swimmers, surfers, boaters, and beach goers of an impending tsunami. It cost \$135 per hour to fly a CAP aircraft versus the thousands of dollars an hour to fly a helicopter, C-130 cargo aircraft, or an F-15 fighter aircraft to provide this warning.

The residents and visitors of Hawaii depend on the USCAP Hawaii for early warning and ever vigilance against all forms of natural disasters; Tsunamis, Hurricanes, Earthquakes, Fires, Critical Infrastructure collapse of failure. USCAP Hawaii isn't just about the airplane and the early warning against natural disasters. USCAP Hawaii is about volunteers; it is about our education and youth activities; it is about our future and current leaders, military members, pilots, firemen, policemen, EMTs, paramedics; it is about Hawaii.

Across our great Nation, every state of the Union relies on the selfless service from hundreds and thousands of volunteers in the USCAP. Missions are as diverse as Search and Rescue, Wildlife Surveys and Tracking, US Forest Service Patrols, Fire Spotting, Port and Critical Infrastructure Surveillance and Reconnaissance , Communications Relays, Disaster Response, Support to Civil Law Enforcement, Counter Drug Operations, and Multi-Spectral Change Detection via the ARCHER . USCAP is America's defense. The Hawaii Wing of the US Civil Air Patrol is Hawaii's front line. We must have your financial support to remain viable in the Nation's and Hawaii's emergency response and security role.

USCAP Hawaii does not receive funding from the Air Force nor the State of Hawaii for its tsunami airborne patrols, or for the fuel, oil, maintenance, and training required to execute this demanding and all volunteer CAP mission. CAP legislative funding was discontinued in 1996 from the State Legislature. From 2004 until present, USCAP Hawaii has not been funded by the State for tsunami missions or

training, yet we have continued to support the State of Hawaii in this mission. We are fortunate the Hawaii State Civil Defense has chosen to invest in the people and mission of the USCAP in Hawaii and has provided the CAP with \$50,000 in 2003 and 2009. Passage of HB2805 will ensure that USCAP Hawaii can continue to support the State of Hawaii with efficient, cost-effective, and relevant all volunteer Emergency Services, Aerospace Education, Disaster Response, and Homeland Security. I urge your support for HB 2805. Invest in the people of Hawaii, in our safety and security. Thank you for allowing me to share my views on this matter.

**Sean Colley, Captain, CAP
Mission Pilot / Scanner / Observer
Civil Air Patrol, Wheeler Composite Squadron
Phone: (808) 744-0195 (home)
Email: colleyhawk@yahoo.com**

sean.colley@us.army.mil

aquino1-Ruffalyne

From: James Bedient [jbedient@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 3:15 AM
To: PBStestimony
Cc: Rep. Lynn Finnegan
Subject: HB 2805 - Making an Appropriation to the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol (CAP)

Honorable State Representative Faye P. Hanohano Rm 303
Chair, Public Safety Committee
Hawaii State House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 996813

Honorable State Representative Lynn Finnegan House Republican Leader 32nd Representative
District Hawaii State Capitol, Room 328
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Representatives Hanohano and Finnegan,

I am writing to strongly urge your support for HB 2805 - Making an Appropriation to the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

The Civil Air Patrol is an important asset to the State for for many reasons. The CAP supports the State Civil Defense Department by providing airborne single engine aircraft to warn Hawaii residents of impending tsunamis in areas where there are no siren warning systems or public address systems . This past year, Hawaii experienced three actual tsunami warnings and CAP had nine airplanes and volunteer aircrew members standing by to provide airborne warning to swimmers, surfers and for remote coastal areas. All CAP aircraft are equipped with a unique airborne public address system and siren.

CAP assets, i.e., aircraft, vehicles, radios, are provided by the Air Force for search and rescue mission support. CAP assists Coast Guard and the Air Force in search and rescue. However, the Air Force does not provided funding for Hawaii State tsunami airborne patrols, for fuel, oil, maintenance, and training for this "volunteer" CAP mission.

CAP legislative funding was discontinued in 1996 by the State Legislature. In 2003, the CAP received \$50,000 from the Legislature and \$50,000 from the State Civil Defense Homeland Security Funding. From 2004 til last year, CAP was not funded by the State for tsunami missions or training. We are fortunate that the State Civil Defense has been able to provide the CAP with \$50,000 in 2009.

Passage of HB2805 will ensure that CAP can continue to support Hawaii with an airborne aircraft warning system for tsunamis. It cost \$135 per hour to fly a CAP aircraft versus the thousands of dollars an hour to fly a helicopter or C-130 cargo aircraft and even more to utilize an F-15 fighter aircraft to provide this warning. I respectfully request your support for HB 2805.

Thank you for allowing me to share my views on this matter.

Sincerely,

James Bedient

1464 Molehu Dr.
Honolulu, HI 96818
808-227-4663