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**House Testimony**

**TESTIMONY BEFORE:** Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business & Military Affairs

**FROM:** 66<sup>th</sup> Composite Squadron, Commander

**SUBJECT: Strongly Supports HB 459: Making an Appropriation for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol**

Good morning Chair Angus McKelvey, Vice Chair Isaac Choy, and members of the Committee on Economic Revitalization & Military Affairs. My name is Carswell Ross, Lt. Col., Civil Air Patrol, Commander of the 66<sup>th</sup> Composite Squadron located at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. Presently there are 78 members of my Composite Squadron. Thirty eight of these members are Senior Members, age 21 and older and 40 are cadets between the ages of 12 through 18. The 66<sup>th</sup> strongly supports House Bill 459, which seeks to make appropriations for expenses of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

The appropriation from the state to the Wing will benefit not only my Squadron but all CAP units statewide in our efforts to provide training in search and rescue activities, perform Tsunami warning to citizens of Hawaii, offer aerospace educations to the cadets, and demonstrate the meaning of community service. Many of our cadets become military members, however, many do not, nevertheless, the lessons learned through participation in CAP activities are used to succeed in their future endeavors. We understand that during this economic downturn that funds are scarce, however, teaching good citizenship and volunteerism to future leaders and providing tsunami warning services to the community is a good investment.

Thank you for this opportunity to support HB 459.

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