

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 113
REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AND
FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD

PRESENTATION TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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ADJUTANT GENERAL
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Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy, and Members of the Committees:

I am Major General Robert G. F. Lee, State Adjutant General. I am testifying on House Concurrent Resolution 113.

I am in strong opposition to this resolution for the following reasons. First, we all know that the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) has in priority a Federal mission and a State mission. Federally, the HIANG provides trained and ready military units in the defense of our nation. They have and continue to support America's war on terrorism and have deployed units and airmen in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedoms. Having trained and ready military units provides the HIANG with a tremendous capability to perform their state mission to ensure public safety of Hawaii's citizens during natural and human caused disasters. Majority, if not all of the costs associated with the training of our personnel and maintenance of our equipment are funded by the Federal government.

Finally, the HIANG must utilize military and federal process and procedures for promotions of their military personnel and selections for employment for their federal excepted civil service employees.

Since the Federal government provides the majority of the funds to the Hawaii Air National Guard and federal policies and procedures are used in promotions, selections, and employment, I strongly feel that this resolution is not necessary and should be held.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony on this measure.