

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 121 H.D. 1
A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE
HAWAII CIVIL AIR PATROL

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL WONG
DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

February 24, 2011

Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

I am Darryll Wong, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony on House Bill 121 H.D. 1.

House Bill 121 H.D. 1 will appropriate funds out of the general revenues for fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 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 121 H.D. 1 as long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as established in the Executive Biennium Budget Request.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.



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10 February 2011

House Testimony

TESTIMONY BEFORE: Committee on Finance

FROM: Carswell Ross, Lt Col CAP, 66th Composite Squadron, Commander

SUBJECT: Strongly supports HB 121, HD1: Making an Appropriation for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol

Good afternoon Chair Marcus Oshiro, Vice Chair Marilyn Lee, and members of the Committee on Finance. My name is Carswell Ross, Lt. Col., Civil Air Patrol, Commander of the 66th Composite Squadron located at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. Presently there are 100 members of my Composite Squadron. Sixty of these members are Senior Members, age 21 and older and forty are cadets between the ages of 12 through 18. The 66th supports House Bill 121, HD 1, providing the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol operating expenses associated with tsunami training and patrol operations.

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 clarify our support for this measure.

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII
CIVIL AIR PATROL

HB121

Thursday, 24 February 2011
10:00 A.M.
Conference Room 308

FROM

Herbert T. Kaneshige, Colonel, CAP
Deputy Director, Government Relations

TO

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

IN SUPPORT OF HB 121, Making an appropriation for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol

The Civil Air Patrol is an important aircraft warning asset for the State of Hawaii in providing airborne tsunami warning to swimmers, surfers and to residence living in tsunami inundated areas in the State of Hawaii. Upon initial notification by the State Civil Defense, during an impending tsunami, we are on standby alert, ready to launch in an hour, to provide airborne warning for all of the Hawaiian Islands. Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol have nine (9) single engine Cessna aircraft equipped with siren and public address system. Without this appropriation, it will be difficult for pilots and crews to maintain their proficiency to perform their duties in support of tsunami alerts.

The members of Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol are professional emergency services volunteers and receive no financial compensation..

This funding will be of tremendous help to continue our tsunami mission for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing me to share my views on HB121.

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**TESTIMONY TO THE
Committee on Finance**

Making An Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol

HB 121

Thursday, 24 February 2011

Conference Room 308

FROM

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

TO

**Representative Marcos Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair**

I am testifying IN SUPPORT OF HB 121, - Making an Appropriation to the Civil Air Patrol, Hawaii Wing for Tsunami Operations

On Saturday, morning, 27 February 2010, the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center notified the Hawaii State Civil Defense of a pending tsunami which was generated by the Chilean earthquake, which measured 8.8 on the Richter scale. It was classified as a "major earthquake". The Hawaii State Civil Defense immediately alerted the Civil Air Patrol to fly and provide aerial warning to low lying inundated areas where there would be a danger to swimmers, surfers, campers, and to residents living in areas where there was no state Public Address Systems or Siren warning system. Nine Civil Air Patrol single engine aircraft were airborne and provided warning for all islands in the state of Hawaii. We had two airplanes in Kauai, two on the Big Island, two on Maui, two for the island of Oahu and one spare. CAP aircrews reported campers shining their flashlights and responding to the warning by breaking down their camp sites. Hawaii was very fortunate that it was spared a major tsunami. Previous years, Hawaii was not so lucky. Recall the Hilo incident where the citizens of the

Big Island suffered many deaths and destruction of the town. On another tsunami, CAP members on the island of Kauai was responsible for saving fifty one lives during a tsunami. During Hurricane Iniki, Civil Air Patrol provided communications from the battered island of Kauai to Hawaii State Civil Defense which helped the rapid recovery for the citizens of Kauai. Civil Air Patrol Hawaii was organized back in 1951 to assist the Air Force and the US Coast Guard for search and rescue. Up to 1996, Civil Air Patrol was funded by the State to accomplish its tsunami mission in the amount of \$196,000. In 1996, due to the state of the Hawaii economy, this funding was stopped. The Air Force provides funds for training for search and rescue. Money for state tsunami and disaster training are not Air Force funded. In 2007, the Hawaii State Legislature funded CAP \$25,000 with \$50,000 matching funds from the federal funds. Minimal Tsunami training has continued through support from Federal funds from the Hawaii State Civil Defense. However, CAP has been briefed that future federal funding will be reduced and the status of this federal funding is unknown. Remember, Civil Air Patrol members are all "non paid volunteers." These members fly aerial missions, man the Incident Command Center, maintain and operate the radio communications net, maintain the airplanes through their sense of community and love for their city, state and nation. Civil Air Patrol is requesting funding for the training of our CAP personnel so that they can maintain constant readiness when and ever the time arrives that another tsunami hits Hawaii. It is not a matter of "if" but "when.!" CAP also assists the Hawaii Air National Guard in its air defense mission by flying as single engine penetrators to the Hawaii air defense system. CAP fly escort missions interisland whenever the Guard needs to ferry their helicopters interisland. CAP does whatever it can to assist the Hawaii State Civil Defense in natural disasters. Because of the value of Civil Air Patrol, I urge your support for passage of HB 121, Making an appropriation to Civil Air Patrol.

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February 22, 2011


TESTIMONY TO THE Committee on Finance
Making An Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol – HB 121

TO: Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

I write in support of HB 121, Making An Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol. The appropriation will make it possible for the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol to continue to provide for their communities its unique service of aerial warnings during tsunami alerts. Without this appropriation it will be difficult for pilots and crews to maintain their proficiency to perform their duties in support of tsunami alerts.

The members of Civil Air Patrol are professional emergency services volunteers and receive no financial compensation.

I urge your support for passage of HB 121, Making an Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol.


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February 22, 2011

TESTIMONY TO THE Committee on Finance
Making an Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol – HB 121

TO: Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

I write in support of HB 121, to make an Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol.
The appropriation will make it possible for the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol to continue to provide for their communities its unique service of aerial warnings during tsunami alerts. Without this appropriation it will be difficult for pilots and crews to maintain their proficiency to perform their duties in support of tsunami alerts and Ground Search and Rescue training.

The members of Civil Air Patrol are professional emergency services volunteers that receive no financial compensation.

I urge your support for passage of HB 121, to make an Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol.

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February 23, 2011

TESTIMONY TO THE Committee on Finance
Making An Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol – HB 121

TO: Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

I write in support of HB 121, Making An Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol. If passed, the appropriation will enable the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol to continue providing for our communities its unique service of aerial warnings during tsunami alerts. Without this appropriation it will be difficult for pilots and crews to maintain their proficiency to perform their duties in support of tsunami alerts.

The members of Civil Air Patrol are professional emergency services volunteers and receive no financial compensation. As an 11yr member and volunteer pilot, I have seen the effectiveness of this mission during many potential threats.

I urge your support for passage of HB 121, Making an Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol.

Seth A Barker
2Lt, SAR Mission Pilot
Civil Air Patrol

To: Committee on Finance
Re: HB 121, Making an Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol
Time of Hearing: Thursday 24 February 2011 at 10 AM

Dear Representative Oshiro,

I wholeheartedly support HB 121, which appropriates monies to the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol to perform various civil defense missions for the State of Hawaii.

Civil Air Patrol members, all volunteers, have continued to play a pivotal role in the areas of Airborne Tsunami warning flights, Homeland Security missions and Search and Rescue. Previous state funds allocated to Hawaii Wing, resulted in highly trained and Mission Capable members to meet these commitments. Proof of CAP's ability to perform these missions, is on record. CAP provided rapid responses as requested by the State and Counties during incidents in 2010 and over the past years.

In return for funding, Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol provides, for pennies on the dollar, vital services to the citizens of Hawaii, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Funds are spent in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement as approved by the State Civil Defense and Civil Air Patrol.

I strongly urge you and the Committee to support this bill and to thank you very much for consideration.

Thank you
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FINTestimony

From: dchoy@usa.com
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Subject: HB 121 HD 1: Making An Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol

**Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair**

Committee on Finance

I am testifying IN SUPPORT OF HB 121 HD 1, Making an Appropriation to the Civil Air Patrol, Hawaii Wing for Tsunami Operations

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this federal funding is unknown. Remember, Civil Air Patrol members are all "non paid volunteers." These members fly aerial missions, man the Incident Command Center, maintain and operate the radio communications net, maintain the airplanes through their sense of community and love for their fellow brothers and sisters of their community, city, state and nation. Civil Air Patrol is requesting funding for training of our CAP personnel so that they can maintain constant readiness when and ever the time another tsunami hits Hawaii. It is not a matter of "if" but "when.!" CAP also assists the Hawaii Air National Guard in its air defense mission by flying as single engine penetrators to the Hawaii air defense system. CAP fly escort missions interisland whenever the Guard needs to ferry their helicopters interisland. CAP does whatever it can to assist the Hawaii State Civil Defense in natural disasters. Because of the value of Civil Air Patrol, I urge your support for passage of HB 121, Making an Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol.

**Lt Col Darryl Choy, CAP
Director of Personnel
Hawaii Wing HQ**

I am testifying IN SUPPORT OF HB 121, Making an Appropriation to the Civil Air Patrol

I am the Commander of the Kona Composite Squadron of the Hawaii Wing of Civil Air Patrol. I have 53 cadet and senior members in my squadron. Without adequate funds our unit must raise money by doing fundraisers to pay for our own training as well as maintaining our building and vehicles. We have not received direct funding from the State Legislature since 2003 and with rising costs are having a very difficult time maintaining our squadron. This situation exists in all of our units across the state. I would appreciate your consideration to make an appropriation to the Civil Air Patrol this year.

Thank you,

Paul W Rollman Jr.
Commander
Kona Composite Squadron
Civil Air Patrol
Waikoloa, HI

I am testifying IN SUPPORT OF HB 121, Making an Appropriation to the Civil Air Patrol

I work with the cadet program at Kona Composite Squadron of Civil Air Patrol. Our cadets are among the finest young people in the State of Hawaii. They are filled with a lot of enthusiasm and energy. We need funding to train our cadets and expand our programs. Please vote to support this bill.

Thank you,
Andrea Rollman
Capt. CAP
Kona Composite Squadron

From: Cheryl Gaebel, PO Box 6477, Kamuela, Hi 96743

To: Marcus Oshiro, Chair, Committee on Finance

Regarding: Making Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol-HB 121

This letter is written to encourage your support of this bill so that the Civil Air Patrol remains properly prepared to respond to emergencies throughout the State of Hawaii. In case of tsunami alerts, Civil Air Patrol is a first responder and provides very important service to all citizens.

We are all volunteers and receive no compensation. I urge your support to pass HB 121, making an appropriation to Civil Air Patrol.

Cheryl Gaebel, Senior Member, CAP, Kona Composite Squadron

FINTestimony

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Testimony for FIN 2/24/2011 10:00:00 AM HB121

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TESTIMONY TO THE Committee on Finance
Making An Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol - HB 121

To all legislatures concerned with safety for Hawaii's citizens.
I write in support of HB 121, Making An Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol.
The history of the civil air patrol has shown that it is the most valuable civil defense tool in Hawaii. Our 10 dedicated fully equipped aircraft operated by highly skilled pilots with crews that properly maintain current readiness. The sirens and loudspeakers on the aircraft are ready to warrant our valuable tourists and residents of Hawaii of imminent danger. There are places with no sirens and there are precious humans that do not understand the full meaning of the siren. We are there and do an effective job.
The appropriation will make it possible for the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol to continue to provide for their communities its unique service of aerial warnings during tsunami alerts. Without this appropriation it will be difficult for pilots and crews to maintain their proficiency to perform their duties in support of tsunami alerts. The members of Civil Air Patrol are professional emergency services volunteers and receive no financial compensation. But I urge you and your colleagues to support for passage of HB 121, Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol.
Sincerely
Robert L. Stevens CAP safety officer

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February 23, 2011

TESTIMONY TO THE Committee on Finance
Making An Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol – HB 121

TO: Mr. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

I write in support of HB 121, Making An Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol. The appropriation will make it possible for the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol to provide unique service of aerial warnings during tsunami alerts and other natural disasters. Without this appropriation it will jeopardize the capability to help the state of Hawaii during emergencies requiring aerial support.

The members of Civil Air Patrol are professional emergency services volunteers and receive no financial compensation.

I urge your support for passage of HB 121, Making an Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol.

Clinton Ng
Major, CAP
Hawaii Wing Volunteer