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TESTIMONY TO THE
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

Making An Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol

HB 121

Thursday, 10 February 2011
Conference Room 309

FROM

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

TO

Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair

I am testifying in support of HB121, Making an Appropriation to the Civil Air Patrol, Hawaii Wing.

Civil Air Patrol, the official civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force, is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization. The United States Air Force provides aircraft, vehicles and communications equipment, however direct financial support to Hawaii Wing, for operations is extremely limited.

Hawaii Wing CAP, currently boasts five hundred fifty (550) members who provides volunteer public service to our State. There are three (3) squadrons and four (4) aircraft on Oahu, two (2) squadrons and two (2) aircraft on Kauai, two (2) squadrons and one (1) aircraft on Maui and two (2) squadrons and two (2) aircraft on the Big Island. Our volunteers are well trained and ready to execute various emergency services missions and are especially proud of the historic mission of Tsunami Warning.

With all these preparations, our volunteers are doing this without any funding.

We are soliciting the committees help to pass this bill HB121 in support of appropriating funds to the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

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

/-s-/

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Making An Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol

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**Thursday, 10 February 2011
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FROM

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

TO

**Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair**

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

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February 8, 2011

TESTIMONY TO THE Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs
Making An Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol – HB 121

TO: Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, 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.



ROGER M. CAIRES
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Hawaii Wing Commander



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10 February 2011

House Testimony

TESTIMONY BEFORE: Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

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

SUBJECT: Supports the intent of HB 121: Making an Appropriation for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol

Good afternoon Chair Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair Ty Cullen, and members of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs. 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 the intent of House Bill 121, however we suggest that the language used in SB 1122 be substituted for this bill's wording. This will allow an appropriation to the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol for 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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Testimony to the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
HB 121 An Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol

TO: Representative Henry J.C. Aquino. Chair

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I urge your support for passage of HB 121.

RONALD L. VICTORINO
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Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

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

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MR. EDWARD T. TEIXEIRA
VICE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

February 10, 2011

Chair Aquino and Committee Members:

I am Ed Teixeira, Vice Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony on House Bill 121.

House Bill 121 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 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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Why don't you people get out of your easy chairs and start sending some money to the Civil Air Patrol where it will do more good than in your pockets., or some of your ridiculous pork belly projects. We save lives, we teach cadets many values and skills, and we respond in any type of emergency, not just tsunami warning. We are non-profit and we need some funds from you, the people we help and protect.

Respectfully;

Jim Helfenbein. Maj.

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PLEASE PASS THE FUNDING APPROPRIATION FOR CIVIL AIR PATROL THIS TOTALLY VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION NEEDS FUNDING TO SUPPORT DISASTER RELIEF AS WELL AS RUNNING A CADET PROGRAM THAT HELPS TO CREATE OUR FUTURE GENERATION OF LEADERS. WE MEMBERS DEDICATE HOURS OF OUR TIME TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY AND WE ARE IN NEED OF YOUR HELP. PLEASE PASS THIS FUNDING AS A NEEDED SERVICE FOR OUR STATE AND OUR CITIZENS. MAHALO, CAPT. MICHELLE CARVER

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FROM

Joseph Bandalos, 1lt, CAP

TO

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FROM

**JUDY ANN WILLIAMS, 1ST LT, CAP
DEPUTY COMMANDER OF CADETS**

TO

**Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair**

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

**Because of the value of Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, I urge your
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HB 121
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR
THE HAWAII CIVIL AIR PATROL FOR TSUNAMI OPERATIONS



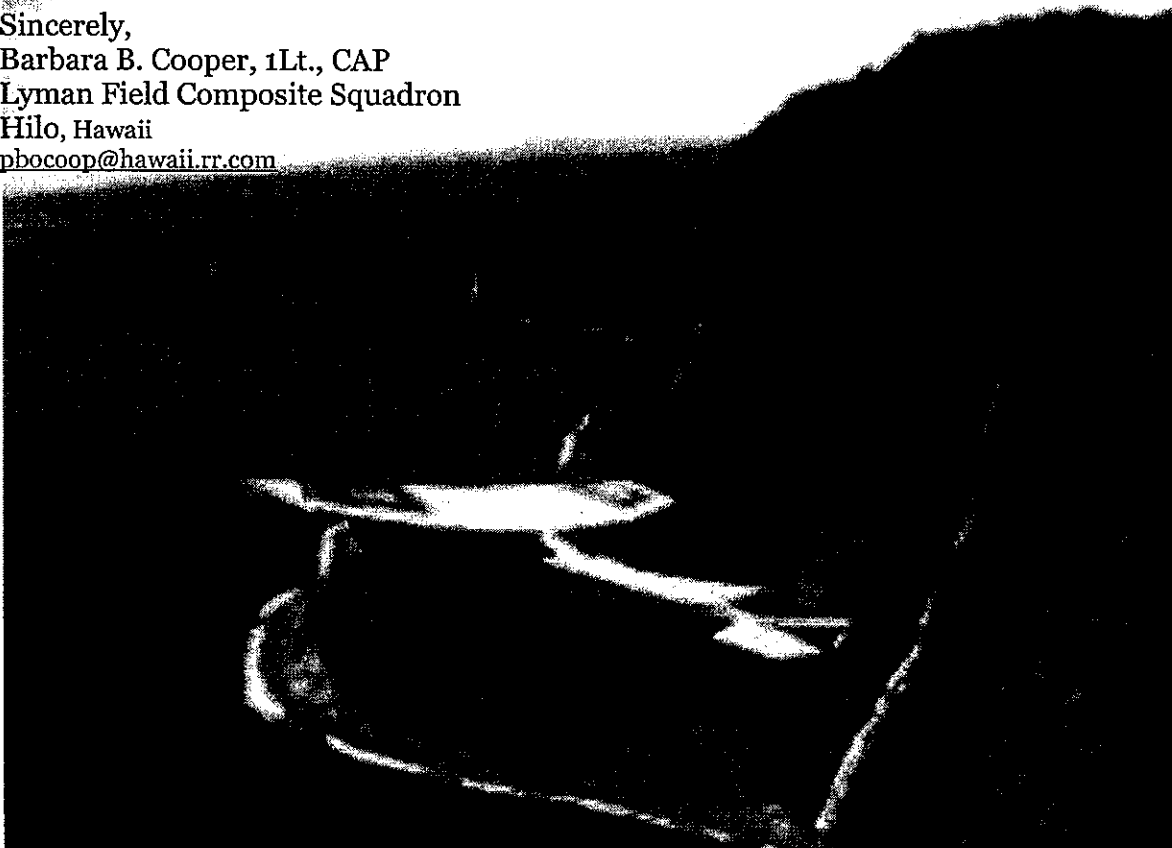
February 8, 2011

Aloha Committee members,

I am writing in support of **HB121** to enable the citizens of Hawaii to continue to receive aerial warnings of tsunamis, a unique service that only the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol squadrons provide for their communities. Our airplanes fly designated routes along each island's coastline, looking for surfers, boaters, fishermen, or anyone near the water's edge – and broadcast through a loud speaker attached to the bottom of the plane – a warning message about the incoming tsunami waves. The planes are also available to photograph any destruction and damage, and coordinate with the State's Civil Defense via radio.

The funding we are asking for is to keep our planes operational and available for the lifesaving warnings, and to provide training for our personnel. Every squadron member in CAP is a volunteer and receives no monetary compensation. We understand that many organizations are seeking help during this economic downturn, and hope that you will determine that what the CAP can provide for the people of Hawaii is worth investing in.

Sincerely,
Barbara B. Cooper, 1Lt., CAP
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TSUNAMI ALERT FINDS HAWAII MEMBERS READY TO RESPOND

September 30, 2009



1st Lt. Barbara Cooper
Interim Public Affairs Officer
Hawaii Wing

HAWAII – Hawaii Wing members stood ready to respond Tuesday after the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center issued its first tsunami bulletin at 8:06 a.m.

local time, notifying the public of a 7.9 magnitude earthquake in the Pacific's Samoa Island region and the resulting potential for a tsunami to be generated.

Simultaneously, Hawaii Civil Defense sent out automated cell phone voice and text messages to select alert team personnel -- including the wing's director of operations, Capt. Anthony Ferrara, and its squadron commanders.

At 8:59 a.m. a second bulletin was issued declaring a tsunami warning and watch in effect, with an estimated time of arrival of 1:11 p.m. for Hawaii if an actual tsunami had been generated. In the meantime, the magnitude of the earthquake had been upgraded to an 8.3.

Civil Air Patrol members were notified by Civil Defense to stand by for possible deployment to fly their designated tsunami routes around the islands to look for anybody on or near the shoreline and broadcast a warning about the impending danger through a speaker sound system attached to the outside lower portion of their plane's fuselage.

A third bulletin issued at 10:34 a.m. said sea level readings indicated a tsunami had indeed been generated. Water buoys in Pago Pago showed an increased water height of 5.1 ft.

The Hawaii Department of Emergency Management sent out warnings to the public to stay out of the water and away from shorelines. Lifeguards, firefighters and police were dispatched to local beaches to explain notify beachgoers that the advisory was in effect.

At that point, seven of the nine Hawaii Wing aircraft stood ready for deployment.

At 11:38 a.m., however, a fourth and final bulletin was issued canceling the tsunami warning and watch.

"If we had been notified to deploy, I feel we would have been very successful in our endeavor," said Ferrara, who served as incident commander.

"The time of day was good, the weather was good and we had available CAP personnel and aircraft ready to go.

"We were lucky to have the time needed to prepare for whatever might hit, unlike those living in American Samoa, who were devastated by an immediate inundation from the tsunami waves," he said.

"We do our best to live up to the CAP motto, 'Semper Vigilans' – Always Vigilant ... to be always ready whenever needed – as it is only a matter of time before the next earthquake and tsunami will hit!"

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Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:22 PM
To: PBMtestimony
Subject: Civil Air Patrol Funding

Aloha, I and my family strongly urge that there be some state funding of the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol Wing. We feel that we should be considered along with other 1st responders in the civil defense arena.

Sincerely;

David Stuit CAP # 488860

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From: Tim Kale [eyeguy@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:39 AM
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Cc: Paul Rollman; judy ann williams
Subject: CAP Funding

Aloha,

The Civil Air Patrol needs funding to continue our mission of tsunami warnings and search and rescue. CAP is a vital part of our community. Our all volunteer organization works very diligently serve and protect our community in many ways. I would ask you to consider funding us by supporting HB121.

Thank you for your consideration,
Timothy E. Kale, OD

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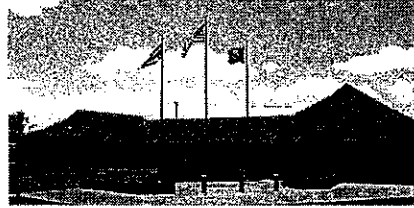
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January 27, 2011

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 121 RELATING TO MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII CIVIL AIR PATROL

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

HEARING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, AT 9AM, IN CONFERENCE ROOM 309

Aloha Chair Aquino: The Oahu Veterans Council's member organization's identified in the left margin represent the interests of over 80,000 veterans and their families. On Thursday, January 27th, our legislative committee decided to testify, in support of House Bill 121, as follows:

We firmly believe appropriations for the operational expenses of the Hawaii civil air patrol are a worthwhile investment in Hawaii's emergency readiness program. Oahu Veterans Council delegates performed creditable military service under the flag of the United States of America and the State of Hawaii. We honor our Nation and State under these flags, and firmly believe support for this traditional emergency response organization should never be diminished in any way.

We thoughtfully and respectfully encourage your committee to remind those who would denigrate the Civil Air Patrol mission, patriotism and love of Country and State, of the limitations placed on their sentiments by the US Constitution, in recommending approval of HB121 as written.

Mahalo for allowing us to testify in support of this very important Bill.

Fred Ballard

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