

March 3, 2011

RE: HR22 AND HCR25 REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES NAVY REMOVE THE ENVASIVE PLANTS, EXCESSIVE FOLIAGE, AND OTHER DEBRIS FROM THE COASTLINE OF LOWER WAIPAHU

The Honorable Representative Jerry Chang, Chair

The Honorable Representative Sharon Har, Vice Chair

My name is Maile Kanemaru and I am the Director of Weed and Seed, Honolulu.

I am in strong support for HR22 and HR25 requesting the United States Navy to remove the debris from the coastline of lower Waipahu.

One of the four components of Weed and Seed ,is Neighborhood Restoration. This includes economic revitalization as well as addressing community blight. When communities are clean and free of unsightly debris, people take pride in their living spaces and feel good about participating in community events and activities.

In 2010, Weed and Seed assisted in coordinating and recruiting 896 volunteers for clean up campaigns and graffiti paint outs. This amounts to a total of 12,096 hours or a value of \$213,373 in labor hours. This figure was calculated based on information from the independent sector web site on the value of volunteer time.

We are asking for the United States Navy to please partner with the Waipahu Community to make it a clean place to live and raise their families.

Your support of this important resolution will ensure that community stakeholders will continue to work to improve their communities

Thank you for your consideration.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE U.S. NAVY TO CLEAR THE COASTLINE OF LOWER WAIPAHU
UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION FROM INVASIVE PLANT-LIFE AND
EXCESSIVE FOLIAGE FOR SAFETY AND AESTHETIC PURPOSES.

1 WHEREAS, the shoreline of lower Waipahu has, in recent
2 years, become subject to significant overgrowth by various
3 invasive plant species and excessive foliage, therefore creating
4 not only a shabby appearance, but also a safety hazard and an
5 area where illicit activities may potentially transpire; and
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7 WHEREAS, the shoreline along West Loch and Middle Loch
8 within the U.S. Navy's jurisdiction is strewn with abandoned
9 vehicles, tires, white goods and other discarded debris; now,
10 therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
13 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
14 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the U.S. Navy is
15 requested to clear the section of lower Waipahu adjacent to West
16 Loch Estates under their jurisdiction from invasive plant-life
17 and excessive foliage for safety and aesthetic purposes; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that duly certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President, National
21 Security Advisor, Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of
22 Defense, JCS Chairman, all members of the Joint Staff, all
23 members of the NSC, the Secretaries of the Air Force, Army, and
24 Navy, CDRUSPACOM, USPACFLT, the Waipahu Community Association,
25 the Chair of the Waipahu Neighborhood Board, and the Mayor of
26 the City and County of Honolulu.
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Attachment 1

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JUN 5 2008

Ms. Patricia Mau-Shimizu
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House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Ms. Mau-Shimizu:

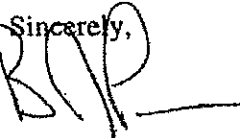
Thank you for your letter of May 12, 2008 forwarding a copy of House Concurrent Resolution No. 194, S.D. 1, passed by both chambers of the Hawaii Legislature. This resolution requests the Navy clear the coastline of lower Waipahu from invasive plant-life and excessive foliage for safety and aesthetic purposes.

The Navy owns the lands up to the extreme high water mark, which includes the mangrove patches that have formed along the shoreline in question. The lands directly adjacent to the mangrove patches are publicly and privately owned and are outside Navy control. The shoreline in this area is not fenced, making it extremely difficult to restrict or control access to the harbor and the mangrove patches.

The Navy shares the State's concern for reducing safety and aesthetic problems along the shoreline. The Navy has removed mangroves at other similar areas around the harbor and will request funding through its budget process to continue this effort. The Navy is currently planning a survey of the area to determine the extent of the problem and the clean up that will be needed.

The condition of the lower Waipahu coastline is a matter of concern to the Navy. Please be assured that the situation will receive serious attention as the Navy concentrates on and prioritizes its many property management needs in Pearl Harbor.

The Department of the Navy deeply appreciates the State of Hawaii's support of the Sailors and Marines assigned to Pearl Harbor. As always, if I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

BJ Penn

Attachment 2

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:15 PM
To: WLOtestimony
Cc: mjellings@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HR25 on 3/4/2011 10:15:00 AM

Testimony for WLO 3/4/2011 10:15:00 AM HR25

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 3/2/2011

Comments:
Aloha Chair Chang and Members

In strong opposition If the use of pesticides are necessary.

Aloha

Carl P Jellings Sr.