

HB 121

HD1, SD1



**HEADQUARTERS
66TH COMPOSITE SQUADRON
CIVIL AIR PATROL**

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Senate Testimony

TESTIMONY BEFORE: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

SUBJECT: Strongly supports HB 121, HD1, SD1: Making an Appropriation for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol

Good morning Chair David Ige, Vice Chair Michelle Kidani, and members of the Committee on Ways and Means. 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, SD1 which seeks to provide 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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TESTIMONY TO THE
Committee on Ways and Means

HB 121, HD1

Making an appropriation for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol

Friday, April 1, 2011
Conference Room 211
FROM

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

TO

Senator David Y, Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

I write in **SUPPORT OF HB 121, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII CIVIL AIR PATROL**

In order to maintain the proficiency of our pilots and air crews of Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol to provide the communities and the unique services of aerial warning during tsunami alerts, we appreciate this funding; The members of Civil Air Patrol are all volunteers with no financial compensation.

I urge your support for passage of **HB 121, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII CIVIL AIR PATROL**

Thank you for allowing me to share my views

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From: dchoy@usa.com
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 4:57 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: HB121, HD1, Appropriations for Civil Air Patrol

Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

I am urging your support passage of HB121, HD1, Appropriations for Civil Air Patrol(CAP), which is going to be decided on Friday, April 1, 2011, at 9:00A.M. in Conference Room 211. During the Chilean earthquake on 27 February 2010 and again during the recent Japan earthquake and tsunami which struck and damaged parts of the Hawaiian Islands, Civil Air Patrol responded and provided shoreline aerial warning to campers, swimmers, and to residents of areas without the benefit of state sirens and public address systems. On March 27, 2011, upon the initial call from the Hawaii State Civil Defense Center, CAP activated Air Operations Centers on Kauai, Oahu, Maui and on the Big Island of Hawaii. Five hours prior to the impact of the tsunami, CAP had launched eight (8) single engine airplanes to pre-determined tsunami routes to provide warning. Fifteen (15) Kauai CAP members responded to Lihue Airport and was ready to fly the three (3) Lihue based CAP aircraft within one (1) hour of notification. At the request of the Kauai Civil Defense Agency, the Kauai based CAP aircraft began activating airborne sirens at 10:18pm along the shorelines of Kauai and Niihau Islands. This recent tsunami required our aircrews to fly in pitch black night which we receive minimal training. But because of the impending danger to the citizens of Hawaii, CAP volunteer aircrews launched. **Truly "service before self!"** Following the tsunami, CAP was tasked by State Civil Defense to fly "damage assessment" flights. CAP aircrews were the first to note the "floating house" in Keahou, Hawaii. CAP is in dire need of funding to train and sustain this state mission. I urge your support to pass HB121, HD1, Appropriations to Civil Air Patrol to continue this critical emergency need for our state of Hawaii

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From: Steve [steve@memtechusa.com]
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Subject: Please support, HB-121, Appropriation for Civil Air Patrol,

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March 28, 2011

TESTIMONY TO THE Committee on Ways and Means
Making an Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol – HB 121

TO: State Senator David Y. Ige,
Chair, Committee on Ways and Means,

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.

Last year in 2010, I had spent over a \$1000.00 of my own monies to support our Civil Air Patrol.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 6:45 PM
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Cc: sonnyfernan@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for HB121 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM HB121

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: comments only
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Colonel Stanley Y. Fernandez, Sr.
Organization: Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol
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Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

Civil Air Patrol again responded to the recent Japanese earthquake and tsunami. CAP airplanes were launched and provided shoreline warning to campers and citizens five hours prior to tsunami impact to Hawaii. Although not sufficiently trained to fly in darkness of night, volunteer pilots and aircrews flew the mission. "Service before Self" was the byword for all volunteers. Funding is needed to sustain this volunteer force. Thank you for allowing me to convey my comments. Stan Fernandez, Sr., 2209 Aumakua Street, Pearl City, HI 96782.