

# HB121, hd1

**Measure Title:**

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII CIVIL AIR PATROL.

**Report Title:**

Makes appropriations for the operational expenses of the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol. Effective July 1, 2011 (HB121 HD1)

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 PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY  
AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL WONG  
DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

March 15, 2011

Chair Espero and Committee Members:

I am Major General 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, as demonstrated in the tsunami warning on March 10-11, 2011. 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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TESTIMONY TO THE  
Committee On Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

**HB 121, HD1**

**Making an appropriation for the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol**

Tuesday, 15 March 2011  
Conference Room 224

FROM

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

TO

Senator Will Espero, 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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HERBERT T. KANESHIGE, Colonel, CAP  
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15 March 2011

**Senate Testimony**

**TESTIMONY BEFORE:** Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations  
and Military Affairs

**FROM:** 66<sup>th</sup> Composite Squadron, Commander

**SUBJECT: Strongly Supports HB 121, HD 1: Making an Appropriation for the Hawaii  
Civil Air Patrol**

Good morning Chair Will Espero, Vice Chair Michelle Kidani, and members of the Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs. My name is Carswell Ross, Lt. Col., Civil Air Patrol, Commander of the 66<sup>th</sup> 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 40 are cadets between the ages of 12 through 18. The 66th strongly supports HB 121, HD 1, which seeks to make appropriations for expenses of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

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 missions for 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 support HB 121, HD 1.

*Carswell J. Ross Jr.*

CARSWELL J. ROSS Jr., Lt Col. CAP  
66<sup>th</sup> Composite Commander

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March 12, 2011

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

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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**ROGER M. CAIRES**  
Colonel, CAP  
Hawaii Wing Commander

HB 121  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR  
THE HAWAII CIVIL AIR PATROL FOR TSUNAMI OPERATIONS



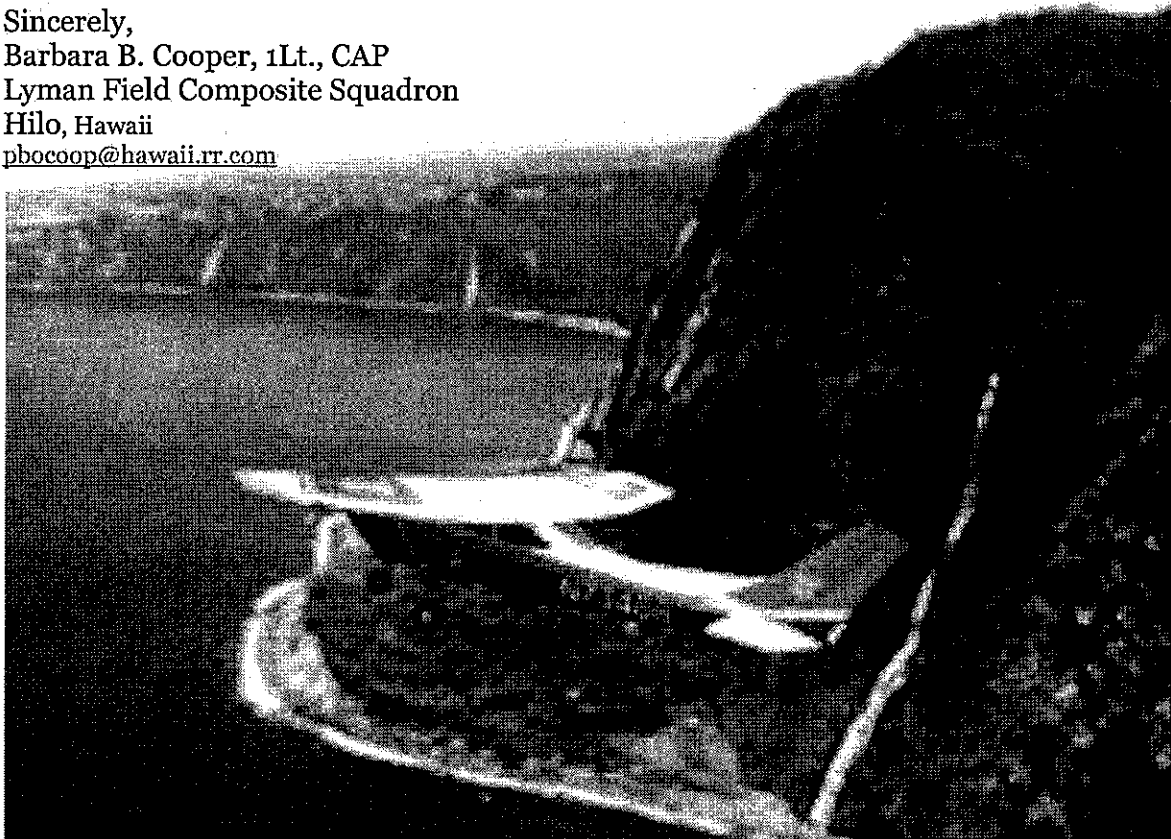
March 14, 2011

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,  
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## CAP AIR-TO-GROUND SPEAKER SYSTEM WARNS HAWAIIANS OF TSUNAMI

March 11, 2011



(1) *A computer graphic reflects three of the eight Hawaii Wing aircraft broadcasting tsunami warnings to coastal areas.*

(2) *Hawaii Wing aircrews from Kauai are debriefed after the first tsunami warning flight.*

(3) *Hawaii Wing members prepare one of the wing's aircraft for a tsunami warning flight.*

(4) *Capt. Clifford Waeschle (left) of the Kauai Composite Squadron listens to a report from the field as Senior Member Michael Bailey, the squadron's assistant operations officer, stands by.*

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(5) *(From left) Col. Roger Cairns, Hawaii Wing commander, makes a point during tsunami warning mission preparations as Senior Member Michael Bailey takes notes and Capt. Clifford Waeschle listens intently.*

Photos by 2nd Lt. Adam Orens

### HEADLINE NEWS

- 03/14/11 N.Y. Wing's Minarovich dedicates life to aviation, family
- 03/14/11 Ohio squadron receives prestigious CAP awards
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**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS** – The Hawaii Wing launched statewide tsunami warnings late Thursday following an 8.9 magnitude earthquake off Japan's northeastern coast.

Eight Civil Air Patrol Cessnas with full crews flew pre-assigned warning routes around Hawaii's islands to look for anybody on or near the shoreline. The planes began sounding the tsunami warning at 10:18 p.m. Thursday Hawaii time, nearly five hours before the forecast tsunami arrival time at 3 a.m. today (8 a.m. EST).

"It is a bit unusual for us," said Capt. Anthony M. Ferrara, incident commander for the CAP mission and alerting officer for the wing. "We don't usually do nighttime ops, but because the tsunami was due to hit early this morning, our pilots made sure Hawaii's citizens were notified so they could safely move out of harm's way."

In addition to Hawaii, tsunami warnings or alerts were issued for dozens of places, including the West Coast of the U.S. and Alaska. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said the tsunami struck Hawaii's easternmost island of Kauai about 3 a.m. and was headed to other Hawaiian islands.

CAP's three Kauai aircraft were first off the ground, meeting the wing standard of being ready to launch within one hour of an alert from the warning center. The wing's other five planes launched soon afterward.

Aircrews flew predetermined routes around the remote shoreline areas of the islands, sounding the tsunami warning siren and broadcasting a voice warning via a speaker system attached to the outside lower portion of each plane's fuselage.

Several of the aircrews launched multiple flights. All aircraft were on the ground at 5 a.m. (10 a.m. EST) today, standing by for possible damage assessment flights after daybreak.

On the West Coast, the California Wing was placed on tsunami alert late Thursday. Working in conjunction with the National Operations Center at CAP National Headquarters, the wing's director of operations and assistant director of emergency services, Lt. Col. Mitch Richman, authorized a mission to move seven aircraft from coastal airports starting about midnight.

After a request from the state's Office of Emergency Services, the wing was activated for possible disaster relief flights this morning. Crews are on standby in preparation for coastal assessment flights.

"The response by the flight crews and base staff has been fantastic," said Lt. Col. Steve Asche, incident commander and wing director of emergency services. "We have more than enough crews for the tasking at this time. We are ready to provide emergency services throughout the state if required."

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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 cancelling 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!"

### HEADLINE NEWS

09/28/09 CAP searchers help find crashed medical chopper in S.C.

09/28/09 Kan. cadet recounts top CAP memories

09/28/09 Local paper turns spotlight on CAP's Feik

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

Senator Will Espero, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

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

**On Friday, March 11, 2011, the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center notified The Hawaii State Civil Defense of a pending tsunami which was generated by an earthquake off the Island of Honshu, Japan. It measured magnitude 8.9 on the Richter Scale. Also 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 magnitude 8.8 on the Richter scale. Both were classified as a "major earthquakes". 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, which was later used due to one of our assigned aircraft had to return due to maintenance problem. 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 very 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 many 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 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 2003, the Hawaii State Legislature funded CAP \$50,000 with**

matching funds from the Hawaii State Civil Defense. CAP has not received legislative funding since 2003. Minimal Tsunami training has continued through support from the Federal Homeland Security from the Hawaii State Civil Defense. However, CAP has been briefed that this funding will be reduced or 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 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  
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From: J W [judyann\_williams@hotmail.com]  
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TESTIMONY TO THE Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs  
Making An Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol - HB 121

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.

Live Aloha,

Judy Ann Williams  
Deputy Commander of Cadets  
Kona Composite Squadron

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March 13, 2011

TO: Honorable Members of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

SUBJECT: Regarding the Making of an Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol – HB 121.

I respectfully request your support of HB 121, Making an Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol.

As you know, the Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol plays a major role in Hawaii's Tsunami warning, response and recovery actions, as was demonstrated just days ago. The CAP's Tsunami activities are unique – no other agency in Hawaii has the capability to conduct these operations. That they are performed by a cadre of professional emergency services volunteers who receive no financial compensation is remarkable, and brings to the State an extremely high level of cost-efficiency.

The requested appropriation will make it possible for the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol to continue to provide the State with its unique Tsunami warning and post-event support services. Without this appropriation, it will be difficult for pilots and crews to maintain the levels of proficiency required to perform their duties.

Please support passage of HB 121, Making an Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol.

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

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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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Aloha,

In all honesty, I cannot say that I was giving HB 121 much thought at 1 AM on Friday morning just before the tsunami was due to arrive. My biggest concern at the time was probably the 1000 ft pali that I knew had to be within 1/2 mile of our left wing while we flew along the beach at Wainiha at 1,000 ft on a dark moonless night. But now that my feet are safely back on the ground, I would like to thank you all for the support you provide so that we can perform this, and other, vital state services. I really think that CAP is the best bang-for-the-buck air force in the state. We really appreciate you backing us up.

Mahalo,

mike bailey

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**From:** Deborah Clevenger [clevenger.deborah@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2011 5:37 PM  
**To:** PGM Testimony  
**Subject:** support of HB121, HD 1

Please support Hawaii Civil Air Patrol (HB121, HD 1).

In this time of drastic economic cutbacks, this very worthy organization of citizens helping citizens is a must for our state. Many volunteers give of their time, talent, and energies to help protect and prevent further loss of life and property. These "Paul Revere's" of pending disasters fly the coast lines of our state warning people to get to higher ground and later fly aerial damage assessment flights, man the radios at various airports, ferry personnel and equipment, and stand at the ready to help out where needed.

Civil Air Patrol also encourages young men and women to become the very best they can be through aeronautical education, physical education, and community service.

We can't do it alone. We need your support.

Please support Hawaii Civil Air Patrol (HB121, HD 1)

Respectfully submitted,  
Civil Air Patrol Volunteer  
and school teacher,  
Deborah Clevenger

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Testimony for PGM 3/15/2011 2:45:00 PM HB121

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**Comments:**

In support of HB121, HD 1. On 9 March 2011, at 10:00pm, Hawaii CAP volunteer personnel, eight aircraft, communicators were again called to provide aerial warning to citizens who reside on the shoreline of all islands. I personally provided support at the Hawaii State EOC with Governor Abercrombie and the Adjutant General Major General Wong, fulfilling their requests to fly shoreline warning and after the tsunami to fly aerial damage assessment flights to report to the State Emergency Operations Center. This is why, I urge your support for HB121, Appropriations Bill. My thanks for that eleven hours of volunteer time? Safety for our people of Hawaii. Thank you.



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March 14, 2011

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

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 needed service of aerial warnings during tsunami alerts, Search and Rescue, Homeland Security and Disaster relief.

Without this appropriation to maintain proficiency for the volunteers and pilots, our community would be at a disadvantage during times of crisis.

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

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March 14, 2011

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

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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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**From:** Tracey S Matsuyama [traceym@hawaii.edu]  
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**To:** PGM Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony

14 March 2011

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in regards to the TESTIMONY to the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs for Making An Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol – HB 121

We are writing in support of HB 121, Making An Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol.

After experiencing the Tsunami this weekend here on the Big Island and knowing those who have been affected, this appropriation will help 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.

We were well alerted for this Tsunami and we feel we need to continue this funding so we can continue to help in future disasters.

My son and I have been volunteers for several years and now my son is applying for the military academies because of his experiences and honor to be in Civil Air Patrol. As you well know the members of Civil Air Patrol are professional emergency services volunteers and receive no financial compensation but there are many of us that are willing and ready to volunteer to help our community and state of Hawaii.

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

Very Respectfully

**Tracey Seki Matsuyama , Senior/1Lt. CAP**

**Evan Seki Matsuyama, Cadet/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. CAP**

**Lymans Squadron , Hilo, Hawaii**

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**Comments:**

I am in support of HB121, HD 1. On 9 March 2011, at 10:00pm, Hawaii CAP volunteer personnel, eight aircraft with aircrews and communicators were again called to provide aerial warning to citizens who reside on the shoreline of all islands. I reported to Hawaii Wing HQ to provide communications support between our assets on all islands, via our HF and VHF/FM radio communication equipment, and the Hawaii State EOC through our CAP personnel assigned to interact with Governor Abercrombie and the Adjutant General, Major General Wong, fulfilling their requests to fly shoreline warning and after the tsunami to fly aerial damage assessment flights to be reported to the State Emergency Operations Center. This is why, I urge your support for HB121, Appropriations Bill. My thanks for the eleven hours of volunteer time. The safety for our people of Hawaii is our paramount concern. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2011

**Comments:**

I write in support of HB121. Making an appropriation will allow the CAP to continue its unique mission of providing aerial warnings to the Hawaiian community in isolated areas saving lives.

I urge your support for the passage of HB121.

James E. Degnan  
LTC, CAP

To: Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

March 14, 2011

Chair: Sen. Will Esperro

Vice Chair: Sen. Michelle Kidani

Subject: HB 121, Appropriation of Monies to the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol

Dear Senator Esperro,

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. We saw the results of that training when CAP was called out to fly Tsunami warning missions when a Tsunami was generated by the earthquake off of the Japanese coast on March 10/11, 2011. It was conducted in a professional, timely and safe manner, especially in the middle of the night. There are further records of Tsunami Warning missions 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 thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely

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