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Subject: HB121 - Making an Appropriation to the Civil Air Patrol

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,
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LATE TESTIMONY

HEADQUARTERS
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TO: Representative Henry Aquino, Chair
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

Testimony on House Bill 121
Making an Appropriation to Civil Air Patrol

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS

The Civil Air Patrol, Hawaii Wing, supports House Bill 121 as State funding is needed to sustain our programs and support for the Hawaii State Civil Defense system.

We recommend the following changes to the proposed bill:

Page one, Line 10 and 11, Delete: "The Legislature further finds that the \$75,000 appropriated for fiscal year 2007 was exhausted by March 31, 2008."

Add: The Legislature funded the CAP with \$25,000 matched by \$50,000 Federal funding.

Page two, Lines 14 through 16. Delete: "the tsunami that occurred on February 27, 2010, as eighty percent of the shoreline in Hawaii does not have a fixed based siren."

Add: "the tsunami that occurred on February 27, 2010."

Page two, Line 21-22 and page 3, lines 1-5 Delete: "The Civil Air Patrol also plays a vital role in disaster relief. Volunteer Civil Air Patrol members fly disaster relief officials to remote locations and support local, state, and national disaster relief organizations with experienced pilots and personnel. The Civil Air Patrol also transports time-sensitive medical materials, blood products, and body tissue among medical centers in the state."

Add: "The Civil Air Patrol may be tasked to play a vital role in disaster relief. Volunteer Civil Air Patrol members may be tasked to fly disaster relief officials to remote locations and support local, state, and national disaster relief organizations with experienced pilots and personnel. The Civil Air Patrol may also be tasked to transport time sensitive medical materials, blood products, and body tissue among medical centers in the state."

These changes are needed to clarify the intent of this bill. Thank you for your support.

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Director, Government Relations
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII CIVIL AIR PATROL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii civil air
2 patrol provides necessary disaster relief, search and rescue,
3 homeland security, and medical emergency transport services to
4 local and national organizations. The Hawaii civil air patrol
5 also provides low-cost humanitarian emergency services and
6 homeland security support to the State through pre-disaster
7 emergency warning and post-disaster recovery operations, as well
8 as support to federal agencies involved with homeland security
9 in the event of a terrorist attack.

* ~~10 — The legislature further finds that the \$75,000 appropriated —~~

* ~~11 — for fiscal year 2007 was exhausted by March 31, 2008. The~~

12 legislature also finds that there was no funding for the Hawaii
13 civil air patrol for fiscal years 1997 through 2003. The level
14 of funding from fiscal year 2004 through 2007 was below
15 historical funding levels from fiscal year 1982 until fiscal
16 year 1997. Thus, the Hawaii civil air patrol has historically
17 struggled to maintain its readiness capabilities. In the past,
18 it has relied upon combining pilot proficiency and competency



1. training with the United States Air Force and federal Drug
2 Enforcement Administration programs. However, this federal
3 funding is declining.

4 The legislature further finds that the lack of funding
5 adversely affects other state functions, including the
6 maintenance of an adequate tsunami warning system and disaster
7 relief missions.

8 Since the early 1950s, the civil air patrol has provided
9 tsunami warning services to the State. When a tsunami alert is
10 issued by the National Weather Service, the civil air patrol
11 mobilizes its aircraft and makes repeated passes over beaches
12 and coastal communities, using sirens and loudspeakers to warn
13 residents. This function provided an essential service during

* 14 ~~the tsunami that occurred on February 27, 2010, as eighty per-~~
15 ~~cent of the shoreline in Hawaii does not have a fixed based~~

* 16 ~~siren.~~ The civil air patrol launched nine aircraft around the
17 islands to warn persons near the shore who may not have heard
18 tsunami warnings through radio and television broadcast.

19 Reports later indicated that virtually everyone on the islands
20 was successfully evacuated to high ground.

* 21 ~~The civil air patrol also plays a vital role in disaster~~

* 22 ~~relief. Volunteer civil air patrol members fly disaster relief~~



* 1 ~~officials to remote locations and support local, state, and~~ —
 * 2 ~~national disaster relief organizations with experienced pilots~~ —
 * 3 ~~and personnel. The civil air patrol also transports time~~ — —
 * 4 ~~sensitive medical materials, blood products, and body tissue~~ — —
 * 5 ~~among medical centers in the State.~~ —

6 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to help
 7 defray the operational expenses of the Hawaii civil air patrol.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
 11 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 12 year 2012-2013 for the operational expenses of the Hawaii civil
 13 air patrol.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 15 of defense for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.
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Report Title:

Civil Air Patrol; Funding; Appropriation

Description:

Makes appropriations for the operational expenses of the Hawaii civil air patrol.

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