



**KONA COMPOSITE SQUADRON
HAWAII WING - CIVIL AIR PATROL
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**SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
TESTIMONY REGARDING
HOUSE BILL 1136, HD2: RELATING TO CIVIL AIR PATROL**

March 25, 2013

Good afternoon members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. I am Lt. Col. Ronald N. Baird, a senior member of the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol and Government Affairs Advisor for the Hawaii Wing. I appreciate this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of House Bill 1136, HD 2.

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds to the Department of Defense for the Civil Air Patrol.

The appropriation from the state to the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol Wing, through the Department of Defense will benefit all CAP Squadrons statewide in our efforts to provide proficiency 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. Please allow me to remind the committee that CAP is called upon to provide warnings to Hawai'i citizens unable to hear the Civil Defense sirens.

The value of this was very evident during our most recent tsunami events. The CAP was able to provide pictures, in real time, of property damage. Upon the "all clear" the CAP assisted with damage assessment activities. CAP was able to perform these public service activities at minimal cost to the government, primarily because it has pilots who are trained in performing the tsunami mission, for instance flying very low over beaches and low-lying areas and communicating the warning by loudspeakers. The funds provided to DOD will assure that Hawaii has certified trained pilots, observers and scanners who can respond to emergencies when called upon.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my comments in strong support of HB 1136, HD 2.

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Comments: Urge your Committee's support to pass HB1136. Urgently needed to sustain the "first responder" tsuna mission support for the State of Hawaii.

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Comments: I strongly support the appropriation of funding for the Civil Air Patrol in Hawaii. The CAP provides a valuable service in the performance of its Tsunami Warning mission. In addition in times of other natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes, manmade disasters, etc. the capabilities of the highly trained and capable CAP volunteers can greatly aid the State of Hawaii in providing its citizens relief. A byproduct of the skills which these funds maintain is a a corps of role models for our youth, many of which go on the service in the armed forces of this country, to include the HI ANG and reserve units here in Hawaii. Supporting the CAP mission in Hawaii is a no-brainer. Money well spent. Vote for this measure with assurance that you are doing something good for our citizens.

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