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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
TESTIMONY REGARDING
HOUSE BILL 1136, HD1: RELATING TO CIVIL AIR PATROL**

February 20, 2013, Conference Room 308
3:30 P.M.

Good afternoon Chair Luke and members of the House Finance 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, HD1.

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, HD1.

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Comments: Civil Air Patrol Squadrons statewide provide training in search and rescue activities to their members, in addition to performing Tsunami warning alerts to those in outlying areas of our state. CAP is able to provide pictures, in real time, of property damage during natural and other disaster situations to assist Civil Defense and others in planning search and rescue operations. The funds provided to the DOD will assure that Hawaii has trained CAP 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, HD1.

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Comments: To: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1136, HD1: RELATING TO CIVIL AIR PATROL February 20, 2013, Conference Room 308 Good afternoon Chair Luke and members of the Committee. I am Greg Landers, a resident of the Big Island of Hawaii and a member of the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of House Bill 1136, HD1. As a volunteer Pilot for Civil Air Patrol, I see first hand the benefits this appropriation has on our community. I have flown our Tsunami Warning Missions. Each time I am so thankful for this opportunity to assist our citizens. We have so many miles of potentially impacted shoreline with no other warning system. I am also fortunate to spend many hours on Aerospace Education with our young Keiki. Their energy and enthusiasm is truly inspiring as they learn about aircraft, flying, leadership and the pleasure of community engagement and volunteerism. The appropriation from the state to the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol Wing, through the Department of Defense will assist us in continuing to service the community we all treasure so much. Thank you for this opportunity to offer my comments in strong support of HB 1136, HD1

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