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## H.B. 1136, H.D. 1 RELATING TO CIVIL AIR PATROL

### House Committee on Finance

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B.1136, H.D. 1.  
The DOT mission includes support of a strong aviation industry in the State of Hawaii, of which the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is an important part.

The CAP plays a vital role in strengthening the community's aviation resource, performing vital emergency functions throughout the state, as well as providing a superb venue for youth involvement in aviation. The community relies on this volunteer, civilian arm of the Air Force for warning citizens to evacuate from potential tsunami flood areas as well as conducting damage assessment following a natural or other disaster. The CAP also plays a critical role in search and rescue and drug interdiction operations statewide.

DOT supports the CAP by providing space for their hangars, but they must rely on other much-needed funding for training, facilities, and other vital program needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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## **LATE TESTIMONY**

**TESTIMONY FOR: HOUSE BILL 1136, HD1**

**Relating to: Appropriations for HAWAII WING CIVIL AIR PATROL**

**FOR: House of Representatives, Committee on Finance**

**Honorable Representative SYLVIA LUKE**

Honorable Chair Luke and members of the Committee on Finance. It gives me great pleasure to address this committee to offer my testimony in support of HB 1136, HD1; Appropriation of funding to the Department of Defense for the continued support of the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol operations.

I am Captain Rich Hargrave (Civil Air Patrol), retired from DOD, DOE-UH System and from Civil Air Patrol's Wing Headquarters. A former Squadron Commander of the West O'ahu Composite Squadron, located at Kalaeloa, John Rogers Airfield (former Barbers Point), a past Neighborhood Board Chair (Ewa Beach), a past member of the Ewa Beach Lions Club and a current member of the Ewa Beach CBDO (Community Base Development Organization).

The identified purpose of HB 1136, HD1 is to provide funding to the Department of Defense for the continued support of the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol volunteer response, in concert with the State Civil Defense, during all tsunami and other emergency disaster relief operations.

Your support of this appropriation will benefit, not only the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol Headquarters, it will also provide training for all volunteer aircrews, conducting Search & Rescue, Tsunami and other emergency disasters missions, identified by the DOD State Civil Defense Office.

Civil Air Patrol has over 600 volunteer members including Senior Adults and Cadets, on all Islands. We operate 10 aircraft equipped with amplifiers and speakers, ground vehicles and communication equipment to notify Hawaii coast line residents of pending dangers.