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RELATING TO CIVIL AIR PATROL

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Appropriates funds to the DOD for the civil air patrol.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1328: RELATING TO CIVIL AIR PATROL

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Good afternoon Chair Espero and members of the Committee. I am Lt Col. Carswell Ross, a senior member of Civil Air Patrol, former Commander of the 66th Composite Squadron located at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. I appreciate this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of Senate Bill 1328. 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 Wing will benefit not only my Squadron but all CAP Squadrons 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. Please allow me to remind the committee that the CAP was called upon to provide warnings to Hawaii' citizens, who were unable to hear the Civil Defense sirens during our most resent 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 we have pilots that are trained in performing the Tsunami mission. The funds provided to DOD will assure that Hawaii has trained pilots, observers and scanners who can respond to emergencies when call upon. In summation, teaching good citizenship and volunteerism to future leaders and providing tsunami warning services to Hawaii's residents is an appropriate use of these funds.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my comments in strong support of SB 1328.