

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS &
CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

**Testimony on House Bill No. 149, Relating to Legislative Jurisdiction
Hearing Date and Time: February 2, 2015 9:00 a.m.**

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Chair Cachola, Vice-Chair Ito, and Representatives,

Good morning and thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. My name is Randall Young, and I am the Counsel for Navy Region Hawaii. I wish to reiterate and emphasize this morning that this bill, and House Bill No. 51, both deal only with specific parcels of land which have already been acquired by the United States for Navy purposes post-Statehood. Land acquired as of Statehood already has concurrent jurisdiction status, so the purpose of both this bill and House Bill No. 51 is to achieve uniformity in jurisdiction and allow for reciprocal law enforcement jurisdiction over the land specified.

We have obtained the concurrence of the Mayors of the City and County of Honolulu and Kauai, the State Attorney General's office, and the U.S. Justice Department in this request, and would be glad to provide the Committee copies of those concurrence letters upon request.

Although we appreciate the intent behind both this bill and House Bill No. 51, we do note that this bill does not provide that concurrent jurisdiction shall end should the Navy land acquired post-Statehood cease to be owned for defense purposes. This could lead to questions of whether it is proper or correct for the Federal government to have law enforcement authority on non-Federal land. For this reason, we would prefer the language in House Bill No. 51.

Again, I appreciate the opportunity to testify on this bill.