

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2197  
A BILL RELATING TO A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT  
POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

PRESENTATION TO  
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

BY MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN ADJUTANT GENERAL  
AND DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
February 12, 2016

Chair Ito, Vice Chair Tokioka, and Members of the House Committee on Water & Land:

I am Major General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** of House Bill 2197.

This measure will finance the design and construction of a warehouse at the Pohakuloa training area on the island of Hawaii. This facility will serve as a storage site for training logistics and other related matters for the Hawaii Army National Guard.

This new facility will provide the Hawaii Army National Guard a much needed storage area at the training area. It will decrease transportation costs of moving equipment to the site and there will be fewer convoys up to the training area from the Hilo and Kona Airports. The facility will increase training opportunities for Guard at Pohakuloa.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of House Bill 2197.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII  
*The Voice of Business*

**Testimony to the House Committee on Water & Land  
Friday, February 12, 2015 at 9:30 A.M.  
Conference Room 325, State Capitol**

**RE: HOUSE BILL 2197 RELATING TO A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT  
POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII**

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kamakana Kaimulua, and I am the Vice President of Military Affairs at The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii (The Chamber). I am here to state that The Chamber **supports** HB 2197, which appropriates funds for the design and construction of a warehouse to serve as a storage site for training logistics and related matters for the Hawaii Arm National Guard at Pohakuloa training area on Hawaii island.

In recognizing how critical the U.S. military presence is to Hawaii's economy, the Chamber officially established a military affairs department in 1985. For 31 years the Chamber, through its Military Affairs Council (MAC), has served as the State's liaison in matters relating to the military and has been steadfast in working to protect and preserve the military's presence in Hawaii, promote public awareness and understanding of issues challenging the military locally and nationally, and serve as the advocate for military and their families.

As noted in prior testimony by State DOD, this facility will provide much needed storage at PTA for the Hawaii Army National Guard, increase training opportunities for our citizen-soldiers at Pohakuloa, and decrease the costs of transporting equipment to the site. Moreover, the passage of this legislation could result in fewer convoys to the training areas that significantly impact the flow of traffic between Kona and Hilo.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

February 12, 2016

House Bill No. 2197

Relating to a Capital Improvement Project at Pohakuloa Training Area on the Island of Hawaii

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee:

The Ka Lāhui Hawai‘i Political Action Committee (KPAC) affirms and defends our Hawaiian peoples’ right to over 1.8 million acres of our national lands.

KPAC submits the following testimony in opposition to HB 2197. This bill would appropriate funds for the design and construction of a warehouse to serve as a storage site for training logistics and related matters for the Hawaii Army National Guard at Pohakuloa training area on Hawaii Island. The State’s limited funds should be put toward funding mandated by the constitution over discretionary projects as proposed in this bill. Additionally, a lawsuit regarding the Army’s use of over 22,000 acres at Pohakuloa has been initiated for breach of trust in protecting public lands due to the military’s failure to ensure that munitions are cleaned up. Given this abuse of the training area, the legislature should not be providing funding for continued use.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Healani Sonoda-Pale". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Healani Sonoda-Pale  
KPAC Chair

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
JESSICA A K LINDSEY	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dozens of EMPTY buildings already on-site. Re-purpose as needed. No more. Do not pass.

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Sandee PhillipsJohnson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Nomi Carmona	Babes Against Biotech	Oppose	Yes

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Joanna Howard	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose any requests the military is asking for. They want to save costs, too bad! The military is occupying ceded lands, then deal with the challenges or expire their lease and remove the military.

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