



BEFORE THE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC  
SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Hawaii State Legislature  
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Senate Bill 2930  
Relating to Underground Storage Tanks

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the  
Committees:

The Ka Lāhui Hawaii Political Action Committee (KPAC) strongly supports S.B. 1259 requiring Red Hill  
and other large-scale, antiquated field-constructed fuel tanks in Hawai'i to comply with federal requirements  
for standard tanks.

Freshwater is Hawai'i's most precious resource and it must be protected in the highest regard. The tanks at the  
Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility put our water quality at risk and threaten our public health sitting 100 feet  
above O'ahu's primary aquifer that supplies drinking water to over 600,000 residents from Hālawā to Hawai'i  
Kai.

Over the decades of US military occupation of Kanaka Maoli (aka Native Hawaiian) lands in the Hawaiian  
archipelago, the US military has done more damage to our environment, cultural, historic, native religious and  
natural resources than any other group, corporation or industry. The lives of the Kanaka Maoli are  
intrinsically tied to both the land and water. The fresh clams of Pu'uloa (aka Pearl Harbor) are long gone  
replaced by military toxic waste, once a homestead for ranchers - the island of Kaho'olawe is now  
uninhabitable and its water table broken due to decades of being used as military, and the Kanaka Maoli  
sacred sites on lands occupied by the US military are continually in danger of destruction.

Now with recent leaking of the Red Hill military fuel tanks, the livelihoods of O'ahu residents including  
Kanaka Maoli are put in in danger. The State of Hawai'i must the do what it can protect our environment,  
cultural, historic, native religious and natural resources from continued destruction by the US military. The  
one resource that cannot be replaced is water.

Take action now please and pass this bill as a first step reigning in the US military abuses to Hawai'i.

Pū'ali kalo i ka wai 'ole. Taro, for lack of water, grows misshapen.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, KPAC

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Comments:

20 years is outrageous! SUPPORT this bill!

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Comments:

As a Naval Veteran Aviation Electrician who has been inside of aircraft, drop tanks and aerial refueling store fuel tanks to remove and replace liquid fuel quantity system (LFQS) probes and other such fun things, my recommendation would be to keep all fuel tanks above ground with an insulator underneath it that would give an indication of leakage and containment. I don't know how they measure the fuel quantity, but that also needs to be upgraded to show an immediate loss of fuel. Twenty years is unsat. If this isn't in the national news, it should be. As an aside, while deployed on CV-19 (USS Hancock), the ship couldn't produce enough water for the crew and flight operations, so we tanked with a tanker which had been an oiler. While you couldn't taste the JP-5 (kerosene) during the day, you couldn't drink the water at night. I couldn't tell if there was fuel in the water or water in the fuel. It did nasty things to my skin.

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cheryl		Support	No

Comments:

I support all that will help us protect.