



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs
Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 1:10 P.M.
Written Testimony**

**RE: SCR 103 / SR 80, STRONGLY URGING THE UNITED STATES MILITARY TO
CLEAN UP MUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES OF CONCERN IN HAWAII UNDER THE
MILITARY MUNITIONS RESPONSE PROGRAM.**

Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair English, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** SCR 103 and SR 80.

The Chamber's Military Affairs Council (MAC) was established in 1985 to specifically advocate on behalf of Hawaii's military as it is the second economic driver for the State of Hawaii, comprised of business leaders, state and local officials, non-profit organizations, community leaders and retired U.S. flag and general officers to advocate and liaison with the military commands.

As a community partner in Hawaii, we take the military munitions response (MMR) seriously. We continue to actively advocate for the removal of military munitions from Hawaii lands which have come from previous military activities and training. The MAC works with the military commands and landowners to increase the op-tempo of munition remediation and removal to reduce risk, and to allow for the productive use of these former training lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony.