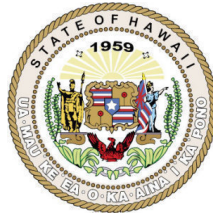


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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1493  
RELATING TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS  
TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS AND CYBERSECURITY DATA CENTER  
Before the House Committee on Higher Education & Technology  
Friday, February 10, 2023; 2:30 p.m.  
State Capitol Conference Room 309 and Videoconference  
Testifiers: Jordan Lowe or Michael Vincent

Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Poepoe, and members of the Committee:

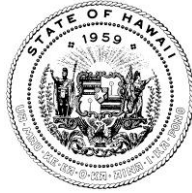
The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) strongly supports House Bill 1493.

This bill appropriates funds for the development of the First Responders Technology Campus and Cybersecurity Data Center which will be located at the First Responder Technology Campus.

Members of the Legislature and county and state first responder agencies have been working on the development of this location as a home for City and County and state first responder agency offices, with state-of-the-art training facilities designed to accommodate residential training opportunities. The ability to provide consistent uniform training for first responders will ensure that every county is staffed with the best trained personnel. The co-location of emergency response agencies will help support coordination of event, emergency, or disaster response efforts. The site will also afford a level of security for these agencies, including the cybersecurity data center, that cannot be found in other locations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this bill.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
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DOUGLAS MURDOCK  
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Testimony of  
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Before the  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023

HOUSE BILL 1493 HD 1  
RELATING TO FIRST RESPONDERS TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS AND CYBERSECURITY DATA  
CENTER

Dear Chair Perruso, Vice Chair Kepela, and members of the committee:

The Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) is the State agency charged with information technology (IT) governance for the executive branch as well as maintaining and operating Hawai'i State government's enterprise IT, network and telecommunications infrastructure and services.

ETS **supports this bill** and the vision of a new multipurpose facility within the First Responders Technology Campus and Cybersecurity Data Center that offers sufficient space to consolidate government operations; is flexible to meet changing future technologies; is located near the statewide electrical and secure commercial communication infrastructure; and is close to collaborating State and local government agency partners.

ETS' current facilities for its staff and infrastructure are in the Kalanimoku building in the basement. Moving to a modern above-ground location in the new campus would ensure government IT operations could continue in the case of a major disaster.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1493 HD1  
RELATING TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS AND CYBERSECURITY  
DATA CENTER BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION &  
TECHNOLOGY

BY

FRANK J. PACE

ADMINISTRATOR

HAWAI'I OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FEBRUARY 10, 2023

Aloha Chair Perruso, Vice-Chair Kapela, and members of the committee:

I am Frank Pace, Administrator for the Hawai'i Office of Homeland Security.

The Office of Homeland Security (OHS) provides written testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB1493 HD1.

The proposal to relocate critical infrastructure for State and County first responders and data systems is a necessary step in building resiliency. Current facilities are vulnerable to natural disasters and no longer meet the needs of our agencies. Investing in a permanent, state-owned facility is a crucial step toward ensuring the safety and preparedness of our first responders.

The First Responders Technology Campus is a solution that will resolve these challenges. This new facility will provide critical partnerships for our first responders as they coordinate joint training and responses while being located outside of the inundation zone.

The commitment from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Hawaii Army National Guard, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Public Safety, and Department of Law Enforcement, as well as

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interest from federal agencies, demonstrate the public safety community's dedication to this proposal. The coordination and collaboration between these agencies will be instrumental in ensuring the success of this project.

This proposal is a step towards a safer and more prepared future for our first responders and communities. I urge you to support this proposal and invest in the safety and preparedness of our first responders.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB1493 HD1.

Frank Pace, Administrator: [frank.j.pace@hawaii.gov](mailto:frank.j.pace@hawaii.gov); 808-369-3570

**HB-1493-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 9:58:57 AM

Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Beatriz Aurelio     | Tuk Tuk Box         | Oppose                    | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Tuk Tuk Box stands in opposition to this bill. Sustainable agriculture and prioritizing the health of our community should be the priority of this legislature, not focusing on creating spaces that will remove acres of agricultural land. Strategies to prepare for sea level rise and other impending climate disasters should be redirected to island sustainability. The proposed \$50 million state funds invested in this project should be redirected into efforts in developing the agricultural land to support efforts such as Farm to School, where our state needs to meet sustainability by 2030.



Written Statement of  
**Len Higashi**  
Executive Director  
Hawaii Technology Development Corporation  
before the  
**House Committee On Higher Education and Technology**  
Friday, February 10, 2023  
2:30 p.m..  
Conference Room 309 & Videoconference

In consideration of  
**HB1493, HD1**  
**RELATING TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS AND CYBERSECURITY  
DATA CENTER**

Chair Perruso, Vice Chair Kapela, and Members of the Committee.

The Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **supports** HB1493, HD1 that appropriates funds for the development of the First Responders Technology Campus and Cybersecurity Data Center (FRTC).

HTDC supports initiatives aimed at growing tech and innovation jobs. HTDC has been working on the planning and design of the campus and is submitting the final Environmental Impact Statement for approval. The project is scheduled to begin site work and groundbreaking in the upcoming fiscal year. HTDC is working with the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism and the Hawai'i Community Development Authority on the FRTC. The project may provide a good opportunity to leverage available federal funding.

HTDC supports this request provided it does not impact the priorities in the administration's budget. HTDC respectfully requests correction of the defective effective date of 06/30/3000. Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

**HB-1493-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:05:01 PM

Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
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| Will Caron   | Individual   | Oppose             | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I oppose HB1493. The last thing we need to be spending money on is to develop a “First Responder Technology Campus” on 243 acres of agricultural land in forested parcels between Mililani and Wahiawā.

*Construction would take approximately 15 years at a cost of between \$315–470 million, including \$50 million in state funds. The Hawai‘i Technology Development Corporation project would involve 19 different agencies at the Federal, State and County levels, including police, military branches, and the Dept. of Homeland Security.*

The proposed project would include:

- A new well for water use (est. 249,700 gal/day, plus another 228,600 gal/day of non-potable water for an onsite fire fighting training facility);
- Wastewater infrastructure to process an estimated 1,018,215 gal/day,
- Electrical infrastructure;
- A 2,000-space parking garage;
- A privately developed hotel/dormitory;
- A vehicle wash facility;
- A fitness area and pool;
- Warehouses;
- Office buildings; and
- An indoor shooting range.

We don’t need any of that to prepare for sea level rise and other impending climate disasters. What we need is 50,000 units of affordable housing, vital public infrastructure upgrades, managed shoreline retreat for critical economic sectors, coral reef support, and a transition to full green, renewable energy sources. Please defer this misguided bill.

**HB-1493-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:23:04 PM

Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Bret Mossman        | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha chairperson and members of the committee.

I am deeply alarmed to see this kind of project moving forward on ag lands, especially when other legislation is proposing transferring over 100k acres from DLNR to Dept of Ag. Agricultural lands are a finite and much needed resource in our islands, and this kind of large facility combined with the need to drill a new water well will directly compete with and likely displace important agricultural uses.

Additionally we need to be working to divest from militarization of police and embrace less violent methods of community enforcement. This type of facility will only further entrench the status quo of policing. The red hill crisis has also been a key wakeup call to the devastating impact that military have on our islands and creating yet another facility that will host a military presence is not in line with what our community needs. Please do not advance this bill and develop new and inclusive solutions for preparing our first responders and islands for the changing climate.

Mahalo



**HB-1493-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 11:21:29 PM

Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b>  | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Jason Mark Alexander | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

As a resident of Mānoa and a graduate student in sociology at UHM, I strongly oppose HB1493. Protect the land, water, and life from this needless foundation of long-term corporate militarization buildup.

**HB-1493-HD-1**

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Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Danielle            | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am testifying to express my opposition for HB1493, which proposed to build a First Responders Campus in the central part of Oahu.

This is an unacceptable use of state funds and of forest lands. The state has already struggled to complete other large projects and has failed to maintain current properties and worksites appropriately - all of which must be addressed before committing to new investments. I also feel that centralizing services all in one locations continues to perpetuate problems with accessibility for all communities.

We have much higher priorities to address - including an entire water table at risk and unsustainable housing prices and cost of living. Please vote NO to poorly planned proposals that will ultimately waste our funds.

Mahalo,

Danielle Surface

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**HB-1493-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 5:43:50 AM

Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Nanea Lo            | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo. I'm born and raised in the Hawaiian Kingdom a Kanaka Maoli.

I'm writing in STRONG OPPOSITION of HB1493 HD1.

We don't need another new facility. What we need this money to go back into the community to create real community solutions WITH community members through education, sustainable agriculture, and getting big money and corperations out of our communities.

**OPPOSE HB1493 HD1 NOW!**

me ke aloha 'āina,  
Nanea Lo, Mō'ili'ili

**HB-1493-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 7:49:51 AM

Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Julianna Davis      | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

My name is Julianna Davis and **I oppose HB1493** relating to the construction of a First Responders Campus at Kahelu Avenue. I oppose this bill for a variety of reasons. \$315 to \$470 million dollars is an obscene amount of money to spend on this training facility. Not only is it an insane sum of money, but does Hawai‘i really need an increase in resources and infrastructure for policing and the military? Rather than train police officers and the military to further brutalize our communities, what if we used this money to instead invest in our communities?

To emphasize my stance, I oppose HB1493 and hope Hawai‘i can divest from its continued funding of the police and the military.

Mahalo for your time and for the opportunity to testify.

Julianna Davis

**HB-1493-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 9:21:39 AM

Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Amy Sennett         | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

The construction of this facility is on indigenous land. This land should be rightfully returned to the people that call it their ancestral home.

**HB-1493-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 7:38:56 AM

Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Cassandra Park      | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am a Master of Public Health student at the UH Manoa Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work. In my work and studies we must always provide evidence to support our proposed programs. While I understand the need for improved infrastructure this bill does not have sufficient evidence to support the need for a First Responders Campus which will cost between \$315 - \$470 million in 15 years. If we are looking to support our education system there are other ways in which the money can be spent. For example, improved support and training of healthcare system workers is a need backed by data. The 2022 Health Workforce Initiative Report found that Hawaii's health care job vacancy rate has increased 76% since their inaugural report was released in 2019. We should be focusing on growing our healthcare workforce as it is an apparent need.

**HB-1493-HD-1**

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Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b>             | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Bronson Kainoa Kiyoshi<br>Azama | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

‘Ano‘ai e members of the Higher Education and Technology,

I express my opposition to this project. Although I recognize the importance of education in these respective fields, the issue of food security has not changed in the State. We cannot be pushing initiatives to lower average age of farmers as we dispose of Agricultural lands in the State, one of the largest issues farmers face is land acquisition. Food security in many aspects, has not improved significantly, our State is further dependent on imports than it has ever been before. Per reports to the Land Use Commission.

Of the agencies that expressed interest, I fully support DLNR having a training facility, however, I oppose the need for a super campus, and major facility that disposes of our agricultural lands in the face of a major food security issue. I would request the legislature rather take an effort to identify training facilities for law enforcement which it can either build-upon or use existing facilities in partnership with other agencies.

Mahalo,

Bronson Azama

**HB-1493-HD-1**

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Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Mara Davis          | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Don't not build this!!!

The people don't want this because it's going to take so much agricultural land and resources.

This can't be built we need more housing not this!!

Mara Davis



**HB-1493-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 1:36:50 PM

Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Emma Stierhoff      | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Chairs Hashimoto and Ichiyama, Vice Chairs Aiu and Poepoe, and members of the committee,

My name Emma Stierhoff and I am writing to oppose HB1493. The development of this first responders campus would be an egregious waste of resources and a significant threat to the land, threatenning deforestation, mismanagement of wastewater infrastructure, and overuse of the island's already limited water supply. If the goal is truly to build resiliency against impending climate disaster, these resources could be used in a much more effective way to actually benefit Hawaiians. For example, coral reef and wetland restoration both create buffers against storms, promote food sovereignty, and enhance the biological communities of Hawai'i. Investing in habitat restoration, disaster preparedness plans, and community resilience will all help Hawai'i persevere in the face of climate change. A several-hundred acre private facility will not, and will only bring further destruction to the 'āina. I implore you to reject any plans to move this project forward.

Accordingly, I urge the committees to HOLD HB 1493. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Emma Stierhoff

**INFO:**

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Aloha mai kakou,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. My name is Joy Lehuhanani Enomoto and I am the Executive Director of Hawaii Peace and Justice. I stand in strong opposition to HB1493, which would appropriate \$50 million in state taxpayer funds for a First Responders Training Campus for 19 state and federal agencies including the police, the National Guard, the Dept of Homeland Security and the FBI.

I oppose this project because it contributes to the further policing and militarization of our communities. The project expends vast public resources to create a playground for boys and their toys, complete with a hotel, fitness center, pool, shooting range, and mixed use development, all at a time when people's movements across the United States have been calling to defund the police and refund programs that truly care for our communities. A very similar project in Atlanta, Georgia, has sparked an ongoing protest called Stop Cop City, where Atlanta police shot and killed a beloved environmental activist named Tortuguita.

The FRTC's draft EIS states that opposition to similar projects in Atlanta and Chicago were based on "the contentious relationship between the organizations and the community." It goes on to state that "Hawai'i is fortunate that such a combative relationship does not exist between its residents and members of the police, fire, and EMS departments."

As a Kanaka Maoli, Black and Japanese organizer who is committed to defunding the police, I take deep issue with this statement. In 2020, nearly 15,000 people rallied for Black lives here in Hawai'i. Not just because we stand in solidarity with victims of police violence in America, but because we also know that the system of policing here in Hawai'i disproportionately impacts Native Hawaiians who are imprisoned at unconscionable rates. In 2021 we bore witness to the murders of Lindani Myeni and 16 year old Iremember Sykap. And in addition to this direct violence, we are also impacted by the slow, everyday violence that occurs when public spending goes to the police instead of other social programs. Our police department wasted key COVID funds on buying robot dogs. It clearly does not need increased funding or more facilities to bring harm to communities who suffer from lack of housing, quality support services and healthy food.

For context, The State Department of Public Safety received \$528 million in general funds in 2022. Meanwhile the DOE received \$74 million, and the Department of Agriculture received just \$24 million. That means that this bill is asking taxpayers to spend more on a single facility than we do on developing our food systems in an entire year.

The EIS states that this facility is a necessary response to climate change, as many agencies need to relocate due to rising sea levels. But real resilience to climate change is far more than preparing for war against the weather. We need deep investments in the things that are

generative and sustaining, not these continued attempts to glorify state violence and surveillance.

Thank you,

Joy Lehuanani Enomoto

**HB-1493-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 3:55:21 PM

Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Jamie Valdez        | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Communities should be funded, not cops. Taxpayer dollars can be much more well utilized when used for the community. From what I see everyday, the people of Hawai'i need housing, food, and basic needs. The people of Hawai'i do not need more policing. It already causes so much traffic when four cop cars are pulled over to cite one houseless person for being houseless. Why not fund the community so they don't become houseless? Why not create housing for those who are on the waitlist or for those without a home? Why choose to fund dormitories for police over the people? Hawai'i has and can self sustain and survive off of their own agricultural land. By taking away agricultural land, it increases the dependency on outsourcing food when we can grow our own. Funding this playground for Federal, State, and County agencies instead of housing for the indigenous kanaka of this land is insanely disrespectful and makes zero sense. The Federal, State, and County all claim to have all of these things to "protect" us when they're the very ones hurting their own communities.

**HB-1493-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 4:00:10 PM

Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Bean Yogi           | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am writing in opposition to HB1493, which would appropriate \$50million in taxpayer dollars to develop a First Responders Training Campus for 19 state and federal agencies including police, the FBI, and Homeland Security. I oppose this measure for the following reasons:

Immediate impacts on community: This project will have significant impacts on the Launani Valley and Wahiawa Communities, as the massive campus will be accessible only from a two lane road, in an area where traffic at intersections is already a problem for residents.

Environmental concerns: These 2 parcels are located on former agricultural lands that are now covered by dense forest. Construction alone would emit at least 60.5 tons of CO per year (based on conservative estimates) for at least 5 years for just the first phase of this massive project. Most importantly, a new well for water use will likely need to be drilled, along with associated pipelines and necessary road extensions. In the middle of an unparalleled water crisis, we should not be misallocating our water resources.

Climate preparedness: The Draft EIS states that the project is needed to ensure that the facilities of involved agencies are safe from the impacts of climate change. However, if climate resiliency is our concern, then the project’s massive budget could be better used to invest in alternatives that help our communities prepare and care for each other in the face of climate emergency. We want to see this funding directed toward building sustainable food systems, developing community preparedness, and promoting the health of our native ecosystems and watersheds.

Fund Communities not Cops: We are tired of taxpayer dollars being spent on policing. The State Department of Public Safety received \$528 million in general funds in 2022. Meanwhile the DOE received \$74 million, and the Department of Agriculture received just \$24 million, which is just half of what this project demands in state funding alone. That means that this bill is asking

taxpayers to spend more on a single facility than we do on developing our food systems in an entire year.

Solidarity with #StopCopCity: We see the parallels between the FRTC and Atlanta's Cop City. We stand in solidarity with organizers and activists who are fighting to #StopCopCity. And we remember Tortuguita, who was killed by police trying to protect the Atlanta forest.

**HB-1493-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 4:27:59 PM

Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Melissa Hoffmann    | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I believe this project would cause a strain on already scarce resources in Hawaii impacting Hawaiians drinking water supplies. This project is unnecessary and will be harmful to the environment, people of Hawaii and waste taxpayer money. We should be funding projects that regenerate polluted land and support clean water access. Stop this bill! Stop spending taxpayer money on policing.

**HB-1493-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 4:33:48 PM

Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Lisa Grandinetti    | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

We do not need a cop city. We need to fund programs that actually address the problems we face in Hawaii. Cops murdered Iremamber Sykap, a 16 year old child from a community that not only has been failed by us but has been under attacked for decades. Cops continue to murder people of color across the country in record numbers with no signs of stopping. They don't need more funding. We need to fund public education, healthcare and social services, enact real tenants rights, support workers organizing for unions and fighting for better wages. We need locally grown food to feed our community and this is yet another one of countless developments on agricultural land. We need so many things that this legislature refuses to address and instead you all want to put money where we do not need it and where it will hurt our community even more than we are already hurting. I urge you not to pass this bill.



**HB-1493-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 4:37:47 PM

Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| nikoya              | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill.

More of the general fund needs to go to the communities and it a bigger facility to house federal and state military and police agencies.

Instead, the money should go into education, agriculture, climate change and other topics that are of IMPORTANCE to the community.

**HB-1493-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 6:42:37 PM

Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Makana              | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

In preparing for increased climate chaos, I am against prioritizing funding facilities for fed, state and county policing agencies (while EMS and fire will obviously be included, the reality is this will further bloat the police/ fed security apparatus). We should be prioritizing funding for climate mitigation, not normalizing a permanent crisis state. I oppose HB 1493 and ask legislators to rethink their framework for addressing this very real issue of climate chaos. Food security, energy independence and social services should absolutely come before any more expense that includes the already bloated govt security apparatus.

**HB-1493-HD-1**

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| Chynna Chun  | Individual   | Oppose             | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Chair Perruso, Vice Chair Kapela, and members of the House Committee on Higher Technology & Technology,

My name is Chynna Chun, a Mililani resident, an agriculture student, and a concerned constituent of my community. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong opposition** to HB1493 relating to the First Responders Technology Campus and cyber security data center.

While this bill would appropriate \$50 million in taxpayer dollars to develop a first responders training campus in collaboration with 19 state and federal agencies, I oppose this measure for many reasons:

**Community impacts:** This development project would have significant consequences on the Launani Valley and Wahiawā communities as this exacerbates already present traffic congestion for residents. No resident inputs were involved in the private planning process of this project and instead actively excludes resident voices and concerns. Likewise, while these 2 parcels of former agricultural lands are now covered in dense forest, construction and development would further erode historical and cultural significance of this space while further removing residents from their communities. I already feel this lack of connection and sense of place to my own community in Mililani Town as my community was purposely urbanized to erode any connection to its historical and cultural values. The implications of this private corporation project would undoubtedly create generations of communities who are further removed from their spaces.

**Environmental concerns:** There are many concerns that the construction and development of 243 acres of agricultural lands will emit at minimum 60.5 tons of CO per year for 5 years in the first phase of this project (based on conservative estimates). Further, with water demands growing due to our ongoing O’ahu water crisis, we cannot afford construction of a new well that will pump out 249,700 gallons of water per day in addition to another 228,600 gallons of non-potable water. Under the guise of a “First Responder Technology Campus,” this is another project that will erode and exploit natural resources we can no longer afford to lose. Misallocations of our water sources for private interest is not what the communities need at this time.

**Climate preparedness:** The Draft EIS states that this project is essential to relocate critical infrastructure for shoreline retreat and accommodations; however, 243 acres of agricultural lands

can be turned into productive spaces that are used for local food forests and sustainable non-export food systems. Investing into our future does not mean creating a more well-rounded first responder group consisting of police, military branches, and homeland security. This short-term and reactive thinking of investing will not prepare communities to face impending climate disasters. Climate preparedness means investing in community preparedness through food sovereignty, community safety, and promoting healthy ecosystems and watersheds.

**Invest in Communities:** Increasing cost of living for Hawai'i residents are making it extremely difficult for residents to make a livable wage on our islands. While the State Department of Public Safety received \$528 million in general funds in 2022, the Department of Agriculture received only \$24 million which is less than 15% of what this project demands in state funding alone. Taxpayer dollars would be better spent fixing current infrastructure and developing food systems before new developmental projects.

**Solidarity with Atlanta's 'Cop City':** There are clear parallels between this First Responders Training Campus and Atlanta's Law Enforcement Training Center. We stand in solidarity for the activists who are fighting to stop Cop City and to remember those who died to protect their forest. Let us be cognizant of what the communities need and not what disingenuous private interests and personnel think we need.

With this, as a concerned youth constituent, I urge you all to be proactive; not reactive.

Thank you for your time and I urge you to **oppose** HB1493.

Respectfully,

Chynna Chun

**HB-1493-HD-1**

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| Anna Harmon         | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am opposed to HB1493, which would appropriate \$50million in taxpayer dollars to develop a First Responders Training Campus for 19 state and federal agencies including police, the FBI, and Homeland Security. I oppose this measure with care for Hawaii and with the understanding that it's important to think of the future. The reasons I oppose this bill include:

Environmental concerns: These 2 parcels are located on former agricultural lands that are now covered by dense forest. Construction alone would emit at least 60.5 tons of CO per year (based on conservative estimates) for at least 5 years for just the first phase of this massive project. Most importantly, a new well for water use will likely need to be drilled, along with associated pipelines and necessary road extensions. In the middle of an unparalleled water crisis, we should not be misallocating our water resources.

Climate preparedness: The Draft EIS states that the project is needed to ensure that the facilities of involved agencies are safe from the impacts of climate change. However, if climate resiliency is our concern, then the project's massive budget could be better used to invest in alternatives that help our communities prepare and care for each other in the face of climate emergency. We want to see this funding directed toward building sustainable food systems, developing community preparedness, and promoting the health of our native ecosystems and watersheds.

Fund Communities not Cops: We are tired of taxpayer dollars being spent on policing. The State Department of Public Safety received \$528 million in general funds in 2022. Meanwhile the DOE received \$74 million, and the Department of Agriculture received just \$24 million, which is just half of what this project demands in state funding alone. That means that this bill is asking taxpayers to spend more on a single facility than we do on developing our food systems in an entire year.

Mahalo for your consideration.

**HB-1493-HD-1**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Cameron Conable     | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am writing in opposition to HB1493, which would appropriate \$50million in taxpayer dollars to develop a First Responders Training Campus for 19 state and federal agencies including police, the FBI, and Homeland Security. I oppose this measure for the following reasons:

**Immediate impacts on community:** This project will have significant impacts on the Launani Valley and Wahiawa Communities, as the massive campus will be accessible only from a two lane road, in an area where traffic at intersections is already a problem for residents.

**Environmental concerns:** These 2 parcels are located on former agricultural lands that are now covered by dense forest. Construction alone would emit at least 60.5 tons of CO per year (based on conservative estimates) for at least 5 years for just the first phase of this massive project. Most importantly, a new well for water use will likely need to be drilled, along with associated pipelines and necessary road extensions. In the middle of an unparalleled water crisis, we should not be misallocating our water resources.

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**HB-1493-HD-1**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Brian Heithaus      | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Our state does not need to spend so lavishly on 1st responders technology and cybersecurity training center.

The way forward is to make public investments in housing and food security, alternatives like these would pay off in the long run.



**HB-1493-HD-1**

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Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| Submitted By        | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Raul Nohea Goodness | Individual   | Oppose             | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I strongly oppose **HB1493**.

Hawaii and the USA has far too much funding for law enforcement, which has robbed funding from education, housing, health care, and social services. More wasteful spending on the criminal system will criminalize more of our people needlessly.

**HB-1493-HD-1**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Cheyenne Diehl      | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am writing in opposition to HB1493, which would appropriate \$50million in taxpayer dollars to develop a First Responders Training Campus for 19 state and federal agencies including police, the FBI, and Homeland Security. I oppose this measure for the following reasons:

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**Environmental concerns:** These 2 parcels are located on former agricultural lands that are now covered by dense forest. Construction alone would emit at least 60.5 tons of CO per year (based on conservative estimates) for at least 5 years for just the first phase of this massive project. Most importantly, a new well for water use will likely need to be drilled, along with associated pipelines and necessary road extensions. In the middle of an unparalleled water crisis, we should not be misallocating our water resources.

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**HB-1493-HD-1**

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| Submitted By   | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
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| Emily Miyasato | Individual   | Oppose             | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

**I am writing in opposition to HB1493, which would appropriate \$ 50 million in taxpayer dollars to develop a First Responders Training Campus for 19 state and federal agencies, including police, the FBI, and Homeland Security. I oppose this measure for the following reasons:**

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**HB-1493-HD-1**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Kara Kelai          | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. 243 acres of agricultural land on 2 forested parcels between Mililani and Wahiawā to build this monstrous city-like development makes no sense at all. If the project's objective is to prepare for sea level rise and other impending climate disasters, then why would you take some of the best agricultural lands, located at higher altitudes, and develop it? The main focus for agricultural zoned lands should be for the production of food and not for poisonous development. Agricultural lands on Oahu are limited, precious, and crucial for food sustainability, for all who live here, and should be reserved for just that purpose. If security is an issue to be focused on, I'd prefer to see our politicians focusing more of their time and energy on food security.

Mahalo for your time.

**HB-1493-HD-1**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Barryn Chun         | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

As someone who has lived their entire life in Hawai`i, on O`ahu, this "first-responders academy"... a police academy, should NOT be passed at this time. There has been NO community review, and with all due respect, a project such as this should not be approached by passing a quick, under-the-table approval. This is something that requires years review and outreach, so I will not be approving of funds for this project.

**HB-1493-HD-1**

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Testimony for HET on 2/10/2023 2:30:00 PM

| Submitted By   | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify           |
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| Keoni DeFranco | Individual   | Oppose             | Remotely Via Zoom |

Comments:

**I am writing in opposition to HB1493, which would appropriate \$50million in taxpayer dollars to develop a First Responders Training Campus for 19 state and federal agencies including police, the FBI, and Homeland Security. I oppose this measure for the following reasons:**

The Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation's statutory purpose is to "facilitate the growth and development of the commercial technology industry in Hawai'i" and to develop a "local, commercialized innovation research and technology workforce."

When asked by the Civil Beat how this project aligns with that mandate, the executive director stated that, while police officers and emergency workers don't do cutting edge research to develop technological innovation or industries, they will be using technology... and that supposedly fulfills the legislative intent of the HTDC.

That standard does hold up when deciding where to direct investments. *Using* technology is different from proactively developing tech industries.

I serve as the Managing Director Malama Venture Studio, the social enterprniership arm of Purple Mai'a Foundation. My entire job is focused on developing technology ciruculm specifically to support our haumana, our students, our social entpernuers and our lāhui, our community, to create waiwai, community wealth and abundance. We use tech to uplift them, train with them with the skills required to build products and companies that can create actual economic sovereignty for our people.

On multiple occasions I have been rejected from HTDC grants because my programming was too narrow, too focus on culture. We are in Hawai'i, the technology we develop fundamentally must be rooted in aloha 'āina and culture. I am not here looking for grants, we are well funded. I am here to point out the hypocarcy in spending \$50M of tax payers dollars to train police, FBI and DHS while local programming that can actually benefit tech education leading to job creation is being declined. More police does not make us safer, investing in programs that create more, high wage jobs does. This is a completely inappropriate use of HTDC funds.

Additionally:



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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Theresa Kuehu       | Individual          | Oppose                    | In Person      |

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in opposition to HB1493, which would appropriate \$50 million in taxpayer monies to develop a First Responders Training Campus for nearly 20 different government agencies, including COMMERCIAL entities such as a motel.

I am opposed to this measure for the following reasons:

**Lack of infrastructure:**

This area is a mixed use, commercial and residential area. The technology park sits above the residential area of Launani Valley. Currently, there is only one way into and out of the area, via Leilehua Golf Course Road (Kahelu Avenue). It already takes several minutes to safely get out of the side roads (Wika'o Street), in order to get out of the technology park. Imagine adding another 1000+ vehicles to this, and at all hours of the day and night. It will create a safety concern for vehicles turning LEFT out into the main roadway.

**Noise, dust, water impacts, erosion:**

Construction for this project, which is estimated to take at least 15 years, with significant impact to our community that sits just below the project ridge. Did I mention traffic? Imagine all the trucks hauling debris in and out of the project, daily. Let's not forget all the construction materials and machinery going in and out the narrow 1 lane overpass bridge; attempting to turn LEFT to get onto the freeway, with no traffic signals.

Not only will the noise, traffic, and dust permeate through our valley, there is significant concern for the slope to erode and cause rock and landslides down into our valley. We have already had the slope fall from the Mililani Mauka (Southern Ridge) side of the valley. This landslide impacted homes and property within in Launani Valley. Not to mention the removal of vegetation, which could indelibly change the natural swale for water runoff during heavy storms, thus causing flooding below, and also contaminating runoff into Waikakalaua Stream.

Yes, within our lush valley flows our beloved Waikakalaua Stream. This stream flows within the eastern parcel of the proposed project, and although some points were made in the Environmental Impact Statement (IES) that says it will have no impact on the health of the stream, it also immediately includes mitigation measures relating to water quality. So, which is it, you won't impact the stream or you will TRY not to impact it.

## **Cultural and ecological issues:**

Native plants. It's nice that the project mentions the recommendation for use of native plants. But alas, the old adage, "to the extent feasible". In other words, we checked the box. If anyone affiliated with this project, if they were from the area, or cared, they would look into the "extent" that there are EXISTING native and medicinal plants already there. I doubt the project will work its way AROUND these plants, that are abundant in this area. Native plants such as Pala`a (Hawaiian Lace Fern) and `Uhaloa whose root is chewed to relieve a sore throat, and is one of the plant forms of the Hawaiian pig demigod, Kamapua`a. Lest we mention the Kukui, which you will recognize with its very light green leaves and beautiful little white blossoms. I mean, from what I've read in the EIS, about plants in the area, it mentions the Uluhe or the Hawaiian false staghorn fern and that it is "abundant in the understory on the hillsides of the areas in the north." And yet, this northwest part of the project denotes that there will be a warehouse built on it. Interested to know if the project developer has yet to do any "further investigation" of potential archaeological and historical/cultural sites for this land.

Additionally, the valley itself, both on the southern and northern sides, is home to wild pigs. These pigs are hunted, regularly by local residents for food. What will happen when you destroy another "natural habitat" for these animals. Yes, you will see them having nowhere else to go except into the backyards of homes and pushed out onto the sides of the freeway, as they are now along the H2 at Mililani and Mililani Mauka.

Finally, the real reason why I oppose this Bill, it's a waste of money, based on its location. It's not so much that I'll be impacted because I live in Launani Valley. In fact, my husband works in the Department for Public Safety, so it's a venue he would utilize. Honestly, I'm tired of projects being pushed through JUST BECAUSE WE CAN.

As I watched the many youtube videos about this proposed project, from its initial inception, the word I kept hearing was INUNDATION. It couldn't be built in Kapolei or Kalaehoa because it would be in the INUNDATION ZONE. I sat and asked myself what does that even mean? It basically meant it was an area that COULD be underwater should there be a rise in tide, or a tsunami, that kind of weather related situation.

Well, how interesting that this area is unsuitable for this project but was perfectly suitable when the State was looking to relocate the Jail. It also seems suitable for the rail. However, what astonishes me the most though, is that THIS INUNDATION ZONE AREA IS SUITABLE FOR NATIVE HAWAIIANS TO LIVE THERE ON DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS PARCELS. In fact, you show me a HOMESTEAD PARCEL that is NOT within an INUNDATION ZONE.

This project needs to be somewhere that is feasible for the extent of the FULL project use.. Ensuring capabilities for access into and out of the property - not just one road in and one road out. Also, from watching these videos, it's interesting to see the campus is looking to have a HELICOPTER LANDING PAD. In the flight path of the Military's training area??? (insert: eye roll)

I humbly ask that these monies not be released for this project, as it is currently designed and located.

Also, committee, you may want to take a look at those youtube videos, here's the link:

<https://ssfm.konveio.com/frtc>