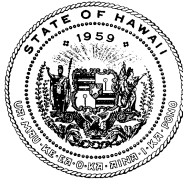


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Testimony in SUPPORT of HCR6
REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO PREPARE A PLAN TO
DECOMMISSION THE RED HILL BULK FUEL STORAGE FACILITY, STORE ITS
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS

REPRESENTATIVE NICOLE E. LOWEN, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Hearing Date: 2/18/2022

Room Number: 329/Videoconference

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (department) appreciates the agreement of
- 3 the legislature with the department's Emergency Order and its efforts to remediate the issue and
- 4 hold the Navy accountable.
- 5 **Offered Amendments:** None.
- 6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

DAVID Y. IGE
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**Testimony of
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Chairperson**

**Before the House Committees on
HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, & HOMELESSNESS
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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**Friday, February 18, 2022
10:00 AM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 329, Via Videoconference

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The Department suggests that a certified copy of the Concurrent Resolution/Resolution also be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures

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The Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Chair
and Members
House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
Conference Room 329 & Via Videoconference
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Dear Chair Yamane, Chair Lowen and Members:

Subject: House Concurrent Resolution 6: Requesting the United States Navy to Prepare a Plan to Decommission the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, store its Fuel in a Manner Compliant with State Law, establish a New Water Treatment Facility, pay for all Costs to the State and Comply with All Future Remediation Efforts

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) strongly supports House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 6.

This resolution requests the United States Navy to decommission the Red Hill fuel facility, establish a water treatment facility and pay for all remediation costs to the State.

The BWS has shut down its Halawa Shaft, Halawa Wells and Aiea Wells due to fuel releases from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility that has contaminated the groundwater aquifer where these BWS wells and the Navy's water supply well obtains its water. Contamination of the Navy's water supply well, Red Hill Shaft, has caused a water contamination crisis at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam unlike any experienced in Hawaii's history. The shutdown of the affected BWS wells poses of the possibility of mandatory water conservation and other measures during the hot summer months in the event the maximum use of available BWS wells is unable to compensate for the loss of Halawa Shaft, Halawa Wells and Aiea Wells.

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Chair
and Members
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As alarming as the current crisis is, the permanent shut down of Halawa Shaft, Halawa Wells and Aiea Wells is not the worst-case scenario. The worst-case scenario is a future catastrophic fuel release from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility that further contaminates Oahu's sole-source aquifer and our critical drinking water resources. The BWS respectfully suggests amending the twentieth recital to replace the phrase "the worst-case scenario" with "a possible scenario" to more accurately reflect existing circumstances and possible future outcomes.

A recent contested case hearing and Navy incidences of fuel releases reveal the facility has reached its useful life, the chances of further leaks are real, and the Navy is unable to safely operate the facility without releases. Defueling of the Red Hill tanks is imperative to prevent the risk of further releases into our irreplaceable aquifer and environment. This resolution is calling for the protection and elimination of any further damage by fuel releases into our sole-source drinking water aquifer and environment now and into the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ernest Y. W. Lau".

ERNEST Y. W. LAU, P.E.
Manager and Chief Engineer



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RE: **Strong support for HCR6 regarding Red Hill**

Marian Grey
Treasurer

Aloha Chair Yamane, Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Tam, Vice Chair Marten, and HHH/EEP
Committee Members,

Dean Takebayashi
Director

As you can glean from our name, Livable Hawaii Kai Hui is deeply concerned with the
continuous threat posed by the Red Hill fuel tanks to our shared aquifer. This is why we
strongly support HCR6.

Gary Weller
Director

Kendrick Chang
Community Outreach
Coordinator

It is of utmost importance that we pass these bills as part of a series of measures at all
levels of government to address the Red Hill water crisis and prevent others like it.

Dylan Ramos
Communications &
Operations

The events of the past few months – let alone the 74 years since the first *documented* leak
at Red Hill – have opened our eyes to the ever-clearer threat to our precious water
resources.

Website

www.hawaiikaihui.org
www.kaiwicoast.org

Every second that we don't do anything brings us closer to certain catastrophic failure.
This is not hyperbole, it is what the Navy's own studies have indicated.

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Aloha Aina O Kamilo Nui
Ka Iwi Coast

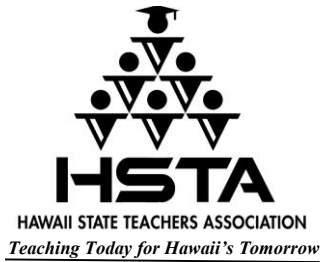
Thank you for hearing and passing this concurrent resolution. While it may not be a
cure-all, this and other efforts will be critical for ensuring a livable future for all living things
on this island.

Livable Hawaii Kai Hui is a
501(c)(3) non-profit,
community organization
serving East Honolulu
since 2004. We strive to
promote sensible growth,
respect for cultural &
natural resources and
upholding the integrity of
the East Honolulu
Sustainable Communities
Plan.

Mahalo,

Elizabeth Reilly
Founder/President
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HEALTH, HUMAN
SERVICES, & HOMELESSNESS AND ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL
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RE: HCR 6 / HR 2 – REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES NAVY PREPARE A
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2022

OSA TUI, JR., PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chairs Yamane, Chair Lowen, and Members of the Committees:

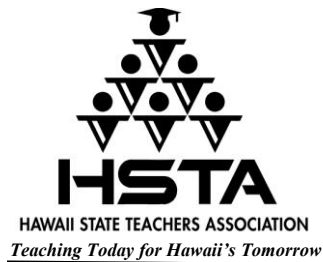
The Hawaii State Teachers Association **strongly supports HCR 6/ HR 2.**

These resolutions request the U.S. Navy to prepare a plan to decommission the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, store its fuel in a manner compliant with state law, establish a new water treatment facility, pay for all costs to the State, and comply with all future remediation efforts.

Delegates to the Hawaii State Teachers Association's annual state convention back in 2008 adopted the following policy statement:

“The Hawaii State Teachers Association believes that every school's drinking water should meet Environmental Protection Agency requirements for clean drinking water. HSTA further believes that school water should be tested every six months and irregularities should be reported immediately.”

More recently, the HSTA Board of Directors unanimously called for the defueling and closure of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.
[\(https://www.hsta.org/news/recent-stories/hsta-board-of-directors-unanimously-supports-closure-of-red-hill-fuel-storage-facility/\)](https://www.hsta.org/news/recent-stories/hsta-board-of-directors-unanimously-supports-closure-of-red-hill-fuel-storage-facility/)



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The recent leaks from the facility have directly impacted too many of our members and the communities in which they teach. One such teacher had this to say about their situation:

“We are more impacted by the tainted water. I am only able to have students wash their hands twice a day with the bulk water they gave us with a pump. I am spending a lot of time outside pumping the water out of the bulk bottle, or using the individual water bottles to wash their hands. I don't feel comfortable using the spray hand sanitizer we were given to clean their hands. (It doesn't take off food particles, or other dirt and grime from their hands.) They did give some wipes for their hands, but those will be gone soon. I was washing their hands often, but not anymore. The custodians do not clean our desks. So I use the sanitizing wipes to wipe them down daily. Lots of prep time spent to clean the room. We are still not able to use the AC. We are required to keep windows open. Lots of dirt comes in all day. I also get some stray preschoolers come in the back door. The noise is ridiculous. (Airplanes, lawn mowers, other students at recess.) I don't understand how they think we are supposed to get these students up to grade level with all the distractions.”

Civil Beat recently reported (<https://www.civilbeat.org/2022/02/red-hills-firefighting-system-was-damaged-long-before-contamination-crisis/>) on Red Hill's fire suppression system, the myriad of problems that exist and that the leak into the water system likely came from fuel sitting in that malfunctioning fire suppression system. It was noted in the same article that the system remains unrepaired and that the entire facility is past its design life.

The Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility cannot be allowed to continue to operate and put at risk O'ahu's primary source of fresh water. It must be closed as soon as practically possible.

To provide a safe water for our O'ahu communities, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **strongly support these resolutions.**



To: The House Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness (HHH)
and
The House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection (EEP)
From: Sherry Pollack, Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022, 10am

In support of HCR6/HR2 with amendments

Aloha Chairs Yamane and Lowen, Vice Chairs Tam and Marten, and members of the HHH and EEP committees,

I am Co-Founder of the Hawaii chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. 350Hawaii.org **supports HCR6/HR2 with amendments**. HCR6/HR2 requests the Navy prepare a plan to decommission the red hill bulk fuel storage facility, store its fuel in a manner compliant with state law, establish a new water treatment facility, pay for all costs to the state, and comply with all future remediation efforts. However, we respectfully submit that this resolution does not go far enough and suggest an amendment to call for an immediate and permanent defueling of the Red Hill jet fuel storage tanks and closing of the facility to ensure the protection of our precious sole-source aquifer.

Hawaii's drinking water supply is already at risk due to the effects of climate change. All the more reason to ensure we take great care in protecting our aquifer from fuel contamination, or any other source of pollution, keeping it safe for current and future generations. With recent tragic events, we have had a glimpse into what it means to lack access to safe, fresh drinking water as we have witnessed the tragic suffering of families who are users of the Navy's Red Hill drinking water well and who are now struggling with a water contamination crisis.

Every day the jet fuel remains 100 feet above our sole source aquifer we are risking catastrophe. Our water is precious and we all have a duty to protect our islands' source of life for present and future generations. It's passed time to remove the threat of something far worse happening to our water supply.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this very important resolution.
Sherry Pollack
Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org

HCR-6

Submitted on: 2/16/2022 11:22:43 PM

Testimony for HHH on 2/18/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dave Mulinix	Our Revolution Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments:

In Support of HCR 6/HR2 with Amendment

Aloha Chairs Yamane and Lowen, Vice Chairs Tam and Marten, and Members of the HHH and EEP Committees,

On behalf of Our Revolution Hawaii's 5,000 members and supporters statewide we stand in **support of HCR6/HR2 with an amendment.** HCR6/HR2 requests the U.S. Navy prepare a plan to decommission the Red Hill bulk fuel storage facility, store its fuel in a manner compliant with state law, establish a new water treatment facility, pay for all costs to the state, and comply with all future remediation efforts.

This is a good start, however this resolution does not go far enough and we suggest an amendment to call for an immediate and permanent defueling of the Red Hill fuel storage tanks and closing of the facility to ensure the protection of our precious sole-source aquifer. Every day the fuel at Red Hill remains 100 feet above our sole source aquifer we are risking permanent irreversible catastrophe.

Please pass HCR6/HR2 with the suggested amendment.

Mahalo for your kind attention,

David Mulinix, Cofounder & Hawaii State Organizer

Our Revolution Hawaii



Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

To: The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Adrian K. Tam, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness

The Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Chair
The Honorable Lisa Marten, Vice Chair
House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Re: **HCR6 / HR2 – REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO PREPARE A PLAN TO DECOMMISSION THE RED HILL BULK STORAGE FACILITY, STORE ITS FUEL IN A MANNER COMPLIANT WITH STATE LAW, ESTABLISH A NEW WATER TREATMENT FACILITY, PAY FOR ALL COSTS TO THE STATE, AND COMPLY WITH ALL FUTURE REMEDIATION EFFORTS**

Hearing: Friday, February 18, 2022, 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 329 and Via Videoconference

Position: Strong Support

Aloha, Chairs Yamane and Lowen, Vice Chairs Tam and Marten, and Members of the Committees on Health, Human Services and Homelessness; and Energy and Environmental Protection:

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i strongly supports HCR6 / HR 2 and requests that these measures be PASSED by your Committees. These resolutions would request that the United States Navy prepare a plan to decommission the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility; store its fuel in a manner that is compliant with state and federal law, away from the Oahu groundwater aquifer; prepare a plan to establish a new water treatment facility adjacent to Red Hill; pay for all costs to the State, and comply with all future remediation efforts to Oahu's environment and water supply and hold the United States Navy accountable for the significant and foreseeable costs to the State as the result of the ongoing Red Hill water pollution crisis; ensure that the United States Navy remediates the damage caused to the Oahu groundwater aquifer, land surrounding the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, and Pearl Harbor; and ensure that any such remediation meets the standards set under state and federal laws.

The Environmental Caucus supports these measures because they call for the decommissioning of the Red Hill Facility; storage of the fuel away from the aquifer; the building of a water treatment facility; and the cost to remediate and the remediation of any damage to the environment, the aquifer, and Pearl Harbor; and the land surrounding the Red Hill Facility and Pearl Harbor to be borne by the United States Navy.

Melodie R. Adyja and Alan B. Burdick

Co-Chairs, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

**House Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness
House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection**

February 18, 2022

10:00 AM

Via Videoconference

In STRONG SUPPORT of HCR6 and HR2: REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO PREPARE A PLAN TO DECOMMISSION THE RED HILL BULK FUEL STORAGE FACILITY, STORE ITS FUEL IN A MANNER COMPLIANT WITH STATE LAW, ESTABLISH A NEW WATER TREATMENT FACILITY, PAY FOR ALL COSTS TO THE STATE, AND COMPLY WITH ALL FUTURE REMEDIATION EFFORTS.

Aloha Chairs Yamane and Lowen, Vice Chairs Tam and Marten, and members of the Health, Human Services, & Homelessness and Energy & Environmental Protection Committees,

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i **strongly supports** HCR6 and HR2, which will reinforce the message to key decisionmakers, including the United States President and Commander-in-Chief, that the people of Hawai'i are united in demanding the protection of our water supply and our very way of life from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

The current contamination crisis that has upended the lives of tens of thousands of O'ahu residents and resulted in the indefinite closure of municipal wells necessary to support our communities, economy, and way of life will seem minuscule in comparison to the consequences of another, potentially catastrophic release of fuel from the Red Hill Facility. Polls show that it is abundantly clear to the majority of Hawai'i residents that the continued presence of over one hundred million gallons of fuel in the Red Hill Facility poses a daily existential threat to our environment and our people. Unfortunately, we have not seen the expedient and focused dedication needed to safely relocate this fuel away from our groundwater aquifer, and U.S. Department of Defense and Navy actions instead appear to inexplicably contemplate the continued operation of this 80-year-old World War II-era relic.

Accordingly, the Sierra Club strongly supports this resolution as another strong and clear demand to decisionmakers in Washington, D.C. that there is no acceptable course of action other than the expedient defueling and decommissioning of the Red Hill Facility. The Sierra Club is also currently working with numerous other organizations and networks to convey the message that Hawai'i has united in our demand to protect our islands' most precious resource, through statements from both elected representatives and community members from all walks of life; the passage of this resolution will aid tremendously with this effort.

Therefore, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i respectfully urges the Committees to **PASS** HCR6 and HR2. Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.

HCR-6

Submitted on: 2/17/2022 8:53:25 PM

Testimony for HHH on 2/18/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Pete Doktor	Wai Ola Alliance	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha e Hawaii State Legislature committee on Red Hill HHH/EEP,

I whole-heartedly support HCR 6, requesting the US Navy to prepare a plan for the permanent decommissioning of the Naval Red Hill Bulk Fuel Underground Storage Tanks at Kapūkaki in a manner protecting public health and safety, establish a new water treatment facility and ensure the DoD compensates for all costs to State tax payers for past, present and future remediation efforts.

I appeal to you as a parent, a home owner association officer, a former public teacher and US Army medic who depends on clean water to live here with my family in Moanalua. I am also a community volunteer with Hawai`i Peace & Justice, Veterans for Peace Hawai`i Chapter 113, and O`ahu Water Protectors.

However, I would like to address you as a plaintiff with the Wai Ola Alliance, a coalition filing a citizen lawsuit to hold the Navy accountable and prevent any further damage of our natural resources beyond recovery. While the imposition to place such liabilities directly on our island's sole source aquifer was short-sighted in the past, the DoD is obligated to remove this constant threat to our communities in the present, so that we may secure a future here for our children's children.

It was not enough that people the military claims to protect were sent to ERs due to the poisoning by fuel leaks to respect local concerns of these ticking time-bombs that have fallen on deaf ears for years. Since the 2014 fuel leaks, our `ohana has worried on a daily basis if today would be the day we found out our water has been detrimental to our child's development. As we know from the latest leaks, our worries have not been unfounded.

The Navy has been aware of and on notice for decades that their tanks and delivery system are in a chronic state of corrosion, improperly operated and under invested in upgrades, resulting in the real possibility of catastrophic failure. Due to the history of leaks and the events of recent months, the Wai Ola Alliance concludes there is no scenario in which O`ahu's water users and ecology are secure with the facility operating, demanding that the Navy immediately close and permanently decommission Red Hill.

It is not anti-military to defend our `ohana, for which so-called patriotism is too narrow. This is not about debating national security as nothing could be more critical to our security than the

resources that sustain life here. We love our children more than we fear US political insecurity. This is about the ability for local democratic governance, for which the Navy keeps showing contempt. Our water is our true wealth and security - culturally, economically and politically.

Māhalo piha for your public service dedicated to preserving O`ahu for our great-granddhilrens' great-grandchildren: ola I ka wai, kū kia`i wai!

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Doktor

Moanalua, O`ahu

HCR-6

Submitted on: 2/15/2022 4:55:38 PM

Testimony for HHH on 2/18/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lynn Murakami Akatsuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To Members of the House Committee on Health, Human Services & Homelessness and House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection,

I strongly support the passage of HCR 6 and HR 2 this session. Both address the accountability and responsibility of the United States Navy to decommission the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility immediately and the clean-up plan and to bear the costs for the remediation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HCR 6 and HR 2.

HCR-6

Submitted on: 2/15/2022 8:56:31 PM

Testimony for HHH on 2/18/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In faull support. Vote ae today. No need to say more at the Navy, aka SNAFU, cannot be trusted. Every day more lies ad mismangement surface.

HCR-6

Submitted on: 2/16/2022 9:41:13 AM

Testimony for HHH on 2/18/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Douglas Perrine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Ola i ka wai

HCR-6

Submitted on: 2/16/2022 6:59:51 PM

Testimony for HHH on 2/18/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support.

There is NOTHING more important than protecting Hawai'i's aquifers.

HCR-6

Submitted on: 2/17/2022 5:48:43 AM

Testimony for HHH on 2/18/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ashley Nishihara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please shut down Red Hill permanently, once and for all, and defuel those tanks. NOW. And don't even think of bringing the fuel back unless it can go into an above-ground facility that the Navy will pay for. It is beyond frustrating utterly ridiculous that I have to offer testimony for some last-minute bill again and again and again for the same thing, reiterated a million different ways, for something that should be plain common sense. Fuel in water BAD. Clean, pure water GOOD. The Navy keeps whining about national security when they themselves are threatening national security through their callous actions. Hurry up and actually DO something, pass and enforce this bill, LET'S GO ALREADY!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lynda Nishihar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the immediate removal of fuel and permanent shutdown of RedHill underground fuel tanks.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Nikos Leverenz	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Tam, & Health, Human Services, & Homelessness Committee Members:

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Marten, & Energy & Environmental Protection Committee Members:

I am writing in **strong support** of HCR 6, which requests the U.S. Navy to prepare a plan to decommission the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility and store its fuel in a manner compliant with state law.

[A recent tweet from Civil Beat's Christina Jedra](#) noted a **1978 Honolulu Star-Bulletin** article where then-Sen. Daniel K. Inouye observed that the Red Hill fuel tanks were already "deteriorated" and threatened Honolulu's aquifer.

I grew up and currently reside in Aliamanu, which is very close to impacted military households, public schools, and private businesses. The ongoing displacement of servicemember families and the continued closure of some businesses at the Moanalua Shopping Center, including national franchises, is a chilling harbinger of what would happen if fuel were to contaminate Honolulu's aquifer. More than 400,000 city residents would have their water tainted, perhaps irreparably. This foreseeable environmental catastrophe would cripple city businesses and send the state's larger economy into a downward spiral. Residential and commercial real property values would plummet, further harming the economy.

Some argue, without merit, that those who are calling for shuttering of the Red Hill fuel tank facility are "anti-military" or are otherwise "endangering national security." The health security of servicemember families and civilian families alike, including access to clean water, is a vital part of any meaningful notion of national security.

The military's response after the November 2021 leak has regrettably oscillated between denial, obfuscation, mendacity, and cavalier disdain for the well-being of servicemember families, Honolulu's civilian population, and Oahu's natural resources. This is not the posture of a trusted community partner to say the least, and military leadership should endeavor to remediate the lasting harm it has wrought upon servicemember families and Honolulu residents.

The continued operation of the current fuel tank facility at Red Hill should be a categorical non-starter.

One also hopes that President Biden can be encouraged to prioritize the health, safety, and welfare of servicemember families and Honolulu residents and maintain the integrity of Oahu's irreplaceable aquifer.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

#ShutDownRedHill #WaterIsLife

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mara Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

we need to have clean drinking water shutdown red hill now or we all lose clean drinking water!!!