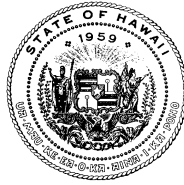


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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HR2**  
**REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO PREPARE A PLAN TO**  
**DECOMMISSION THE RED HILL BULK FUEL STORAGE FACILITY, STORE ITS**  
**FUEL IN A MANNER COMPLIANT WITH STATE LAW, ESTABLISH A NEW**  
**WATER TREATMENT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

REPRESENTATIVE AARON LING JOHANSON, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Hearing Date: 4/5/2022

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.



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Elizabeth Reilly  
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Hawaii House of Representatives  
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
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Secretary

RE: **Strong support for HCR6/HR2**

Marian Grey  
Treasurer

Aloha Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and CPC 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/HR2.**

Gary Weller  
Director

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

Kendrick Chang  
Community Outreach  
Coordinator

The events of the past few months – let alone the 70+ years since the first *documented* leak at Red Hill – have opened our eyes to the ever-clearer threat to our precious water resources.

Dylan Ramos  
Communications &  
Operations

What does it say about our situation when the poisoning of nearly 100,000 people's water isn't even close to the worst case scenario? 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. So, while we welcome the announcement that Red Hill will be shut down, we support measures such as this to see that process through to the end.

**Website**

[www.hawaiikaihui.org](http://www.hawaiikaihui.org)  
[www.kaiwicoast.org](http://www.kaiwicoast.org)

Thank you for hearing this Resolution and passing it on for House approval. While it may not be a cure-all, this and other efforts on the County and Federal level will be critical for ensuring a livable future for all living things on this island, and hopefully set a worldwide precedent.

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Aloha Aina O Kamilo Nui  
Ka Iwi Coast

Mahalo,

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.

Elizabeth Reilly  
Founder/President

Dylan Ramos  
Communications & Operations



**LATE**

To: The House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
From: Sherry Pollack, Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org  
Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 2pm

**In support of HCR6/HR2 with amendments**

Aloha Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitigawa, and Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee members,

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