



**Testimony to the House Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans
Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 10:30 A.M.**

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 430
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

**RE: HR 95, URGING THE HAWAII CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO TAKE THE
NECESSARY ACTIONS SUPPORTING THE REORGANIZATION OF IMPORTANT MILITARY
ASSETS AND PROPERTY FOR INCREASED EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS –
IN OPPOSITION**

Chair Ohno, Vice Chair Ganaden, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Military Affairs Council (MAC) was established in 1985 when the Chamber was appointed by the State to serve as the liaison to the military. The MAC advocates on behalf of Hawaii's military, and is comprised of business leaders, academic institutions, State and County officials, members of the CODEL, community leaders, labor unions and organizations and retired U.S. flag and general officers. The MAC works to support Hawaii's location as a strategic U.S. headquarters in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region which is crucial for U.S. national and homeland security.

While we appreciate the intent of HR 95, the MAC respectfully opposes this resolution.

Military is recognized as the #2 economic driver in Hawaii and in a normal year, the economic output of federal spending in Hawaii is estimated at over \$20 billion per year (per State Economist, Eugene Tian). Amidst the current environment, Military spending in Hawaii has not decreased.

With billions of dollars in U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) funding invested in Hawaii each year, any reorganization of important military assets and associated property for the purposes of efficiency and effectiveness should be planned, coordinated, and executed in collaboration with the Military. There are specific reasons for the current disposition of current military installations here in Hawaii. To propose a unilateral reorganization construct is not in the best interest of the Federal Government nor the State.

As such, the MAC respectfully oppose this resolution. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HR-95

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

Aloha Committee,

My name is David Mulinix, I am the Cofounder & Statewide Organizer for Our Revolution Hawaii. On behalf of our 5,000 members and supporters statewide we stand in strong support of HR95 urging the Hawaii Congressional Delegation to take the necessary actions supporting the reorganization of important military assets and property for increased efficiency and effectiveness.

Most if not all of the major sites that are polluted in Hawaii are from U.S. military irresponsibly contaminating and then not responsibly cleaning up the mess they've made in Hawaii. They contaminate our land and drinking water in the name of national security. But this is a lie, because true national security would be our military protecting our people at home as well as abroad. But instead U.S. civilians and our homes are viewed by our military as expendable in the quest to support their various missions.

The U.S. spends more on our military than the next ten countries combined and eight of them are our allies. We are wasting vital resources overfunding our overbloated military budget.

President Eisenhower summed up the problem best when he said: "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. The cost of one modern heavy bomber is this: a modern brick school in more than 30 cities. It is two electric power plants, each serving a town of 60,000 population. It is two fine, fully equipped hospitals. It is some fifty miles of concrete pavement. We pay for a single fighter with a half-million bushels of wheat. We pay for a single destroyer with new homes that could have housed more than 8,000 people. . . . This is not a way of life at all, in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from a cross of iron."

Please vote in support of HR95.

Mahalo for your kind attention,

David Mulinix, Cofounder & Statewide Organizer

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