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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB2600  
RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS**

SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALOPE, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Hearing Date: 2/11/2022

Room Number: Videoconference

1 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure may impact the priorities identified in the Governor's  
2 Executive Budget Request for the Department of Health's (department's) appropriations and  
3 personnel priorities.

4 **Department Testimony:** The department appreciates the intent of this measure, to provide  
5 additional protection to the state's groundwater and drinking water resources, but disagrees with  
6 the proposed methods for accomplishing this goal.

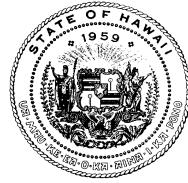
7 The department is concerned that this measure would limit the department's enforcement  
8 discretion by requiring the denial of a permit for any violation, no matter how minor. There are a  
9 wide range of possible violations of chapter 11-280.1, HAR, including minor recordkeeping  
10 violations that do not generate risk to human health and the environment (for example, an  
11 individual operator has been trained, but training documentation is not available on-site at the  
12 time of inspection). We do not feel that all violations warrant permit denial.

13 Further, the requirement to determine whether a permit applicant for the approximately  
14 700 underground storage tank (UST) systems statewide is in violation of any state or federal law  
15 or regulation would impose a significant burden on the department's UST program. The  
16 department simply could not meet the proposed new requirements without additional staffing.

1 **Offered Amendments:** The department respectfully requests that this measure be deferred.

2           If the committee is concerned mainly with permitting of large capacity UST systems, the  
3 offered amendments in the department's recent testimony on HB2274 may be of interest.

4           Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB2407  
RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS**

SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALOOLE, CHAIR  
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SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR  
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Hearing Date: 2/11/2022

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure will impact the priorities identified in the Governor's  
2 Executive Budget Request for the Department of Health's (department's) appropriations and  
3 personnel priorities.

4 **Department Testimony:** This measure would require the department to review a response plan,  
5 hold a public hearing, and determine that a facility is in "good standing" before issuing any  
6 permit for an underground storage tank (UST) system. These new requirements would impose a  
7 significant burden on the department's UST program because they apply to all of the  
8 approximately 700 UST systems statewide. The department simply could not meet the proposed  
9 new requirements without additional staffing.

10 The requirements for submission of facility-specific response plans and holding a public  
11 hearing prior to permitting may be reasonable if applied only to a specific subset of UST systems  
12 that pose a much greater risk to human health and the environment and are a subject of greater  
13 public interest than the typical UST system. The department suggests applying these  
14 requirements only to a limited set of facilities, perhaps defined by storage capacity.

15 *Public hearings*

1 Including permit modifications and transfers, the UST program issued over 800 permits  
2 in the last five years, including over 400 in a single year (because the majority of permits are on  
3 the same five-year cycle based on the start date of the permitting requirement). It would be  
4 impossible for the UST program to process this many permits with current staffing levels if each  
5 permit required holding a public hearing. Holding public hearings on neighbor islands would be  
6 particularly difficult because the staff is centralized on Oahu. The department does not believe  
7 the level of public interest in typical UST systems such as gas stations and systems storing fuel  
8 for emergency generators warrants holding such hearings. At least 80% of the permits issued in  
9 the last five years were renewals or permit transfers that did not involve a change to the UST  
10 system.

11 *Good standing*

12 The proposed requirement for the department to determine whether a permit applicant is  
13 in “good standing” would also impose a significant burden on the department. It would be  
14 difficult and time consuming for the department to construct an exhaustive list of contractual  
15 obligations to the state, applicable federal and environmental laws, government-issued permits,  
16 and financial obligations for each facility, much less to determine whether the applicant is in  
17 “good standing” for each of these obligations at any particular moment in time. This could not be  
18 accomplished without additional staffing.

19 *Response plans*

20 The department believes that the majority of UST systems do not need a facility specific  
21 response plan for a worst case scenario. In the case of a typical gas station UST system, the  
22 appropriate response would be to shut off product flow and call 911. Subchapter 10 of chapter  
23 11-280.1, HAR, requires all operators to be trained to take such actions in response to an alarm  
24 or a release. Immediate cleanup and reporting of spills, overfills, and suspected releases are  
25 required by sections 11-280.1-50 and 11-280.1-53. Financial assurance is required for UST  
26 system owners and operators other than state and federal government entities (§11-280.1-90).

1 **Offered Amendments:** The department suggests replacing section 1 of the bill with the  
2 following:

3 SECTION 1. Section 342L-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

4 “§342L-4 Permits; procedures for. (a) An application for any permit required under this  
5 chapter shall be in a form prescribed by the department.

6 (b) The department may require that applications for such permits shall be accompanied  
7 by plans, specifications, and such other information as it deems necessary in order for it to  
8 determine whether the proposed installation, alteration, or use will be in accord with applicable  
9 rules and standards.

10 (c) The director shall issue a permit for any term, not exceeding five years, if the director  
11 determines this to be protective of human health and the environment; provided that the director  
12 shall not approve an application for the issuance or renewal of a permit for an underground  
13 storage tank system with a capacity greater than 100,000 gallons without the department first  
14 holding a public hearing in the county affected by the approved permit; provided further that the  
15 permit may be subject to conditions as the director may prescribe. The director, on application,  
16 shall renew a permit from time to time for a term not to exceed five years if the director  
17 determines this to be protective of human health and the environment. The director shall not  
18 deny an application for the issuance or renewal of a permit without affording the applicant an  
19 opportunity for a hearing in accordance with chapter 91.

20 The director, on the director’s own motion or the application of any person, may modify,  
21 suspend, or revoke any permit if, after affording the permittee an opportunity for a hearing in  
22 accordance with chapter 91, the director determines that:

- 23 (1) There is a violation of any condition of the permit;  
24 (2) The permit was obtained by misrepresentation, or failure to disclose fully all  
25 relevant facts; or  
26 (3) There is a release or threatened release of regulated substances that the  
27 department deems to pose an imminent and substantial risk to human health or the  
28 environment.

1 (d) No applicant for a modification or renewal of a permit shall be held in violation of  
2 the requirement to obtain a permit during the pendency of the applicant's application so long as  
3 the applicant acts in compliance with the permit previously granted.

4 (e) An application for any permit required under this chapter for an underground storage  
5 tank system with a capacity greater than 100,000 gallons shall include a specific response plan  
6 including protocols and procedures to respond to a worst case scenario. The specific response  
7 plan shall include provisions for:

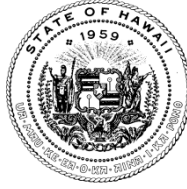
8 (1) The immediate notification and containment of spills;

9 (2) The removal of tank contents to an alternative location;

10 (3) Identification of available funds for public health care costs and environmental  
11 remediation; and

12 (4) Other requirements deemed appropriate by the director.”

13  
14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



**TESTIMONY BY:**

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DIRECTOR

Deputy Directors  
ROSS M. HIGASHI  
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February 11, 2022  
1:00 P.M.  
State Capitol, Teleconference

**S.B. NO. 2600**  
**RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS**

Senate Committee(s) on Health and Agriculture & Environment

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) offers comments to S.B. 2600. The DOT appreciates the intent of this measure, to provide additional protection to the state's groundwater and drinking water resources. The DOT is recommending the bill be revised to address the following concerns.

This measure would limit the enforcement discretion of the Department of Health (DOH) by requiring the denial of a permit for any violation, no matter how minor. An example of a minor violation would be a recordkeeping error which does not pose a risk to human health and the environment (specific documentation is not available on-site at the time of inspection, however task was completed). The DOT does not feel all violations warrant permit denial.

The amendment to revise HRS, Section 342L-4(c) requiring the Director of Health to modify, suspend, or revoke a permit for non-compliance with any state or federal law seems to be a significant reach of authority and scope of DOH.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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and Members  
Senate Committee on Health  
Via Videoconference  
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The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair  
and Members  
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment  
Via Videoconference  
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Dear Chair Keohokalole, Chair Gabbard, and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill 2600: Relating to Underground Storage Tanks

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) supports the intent of the bill and respectfully offers the following comments for your consideration.

The bill proposes amending Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 342L-4 to require that any permittee remain in compliance with all state and federal laws, and requires the Director of Health to modify, suspend, or revoke any permit if the permittee does not meet certain conditions. The BWS supports the intent of the bill to afford the Director of Health the ability to modify, suspend, or revoke UST permits where appropriate. However, the bill's proposal to amend the condition in 342L-4(c) from "or" to "and" appears to require all five specified conditions need to be met before the Director is allowed to take action. The DOH should be able to take action on a permit if any one of the conditions are not met.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony concerning SB 2600.

Very truly yours,

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



**SB-2600**

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 11:54:57 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/11/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Susan Pcola_Davis	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I support the intent of this bill. It is an improvement adding the word “Shall.” Whether the director does it or not is another story. It’s been very political for her this year.

I support (4) and (5) ONLY if they are required.

**Is there a deadline to set the hearing date? Who holds the hearing?**

The director, on the director's own motion or the application of any person, ~~may~~ **shall** modify, suspend, or revoke any permit if, after affording the permittee an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with chapter 91, the director determines that:

(4) The permittee is in non—compliance with any state or federal law or regulation; and

(5) The permittee has been cited for a violation of the federal Water Pollution Control Act, P.L. 92—500 or chapter 342D.”



*Hawaii's Thousand Friends*

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SB 2600 RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

SB 2601 RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

Hawaii's Thousand Friends, a statewide non-profit water and land use planning organization, supports SB 2600 and SB 2601, that require compliance with all state and federal laws and removes the automatic granting of permits for underground storage tanks.

We can not adequately express how horrifying and frustrating it has been for the public to watch the cat and mouse game between the Department of Health and the Navy over contaminated water from the Red Hill underground fuel tanks impacting residents, businesses and the environment.

We, the public, depend on our state and county agencies to look after our best interest and ensure a safe and healthy environment and are extremely frustrated and surprised when the State seems to loose the battle of stopping the contaminated water at every turn.

Isn't it a bit scary when legislation has to be written to ensure that there is *compliance* with all state and federal laws and that the Department of Health has the authority to *deny* permits for underground storage tanks in order to protect human health and the environment?

We urge you to pass SB 2600 and SB 2601 out of committee so that the State Department of Health will have the statutory authority necessary to protect our islands water sources and residents from future water contamination from underground storage tanks.



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Hawai'i State Senate  
Committees on Health, and Agriculture & Environment

Testimony by  
Hawaii Nurses Association  
February 11, 2022

S.B. 2600 – RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

The Hawaii Nurses Association -OPEIU Local 50 is affiliated with the AFL-CIO and was founded in 1917 and represents 4,000 nurses in the State of Hawaii. We are grateful to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of S.B. 2600

Access to clean water is fundamental to the health of Hawaii's people. This bill will help to do that requiring that any permittee remain in compliance with all state and federal laws and has not been cited for any violation of the federal Water Pollution Control Act or chapter 342D, Hawaii Revised Statutes. And requiring the Director of Health to modify, suspend, or revoke any permit if the permittee does not meet certain conditions.

Thank you for your consideration and we urge you to pass this legislation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Ross".

Daniel Ross  
President



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February 10, 2022

Elizabeth Reilly  
President

Hawaii Senate  
Committee on Health / Committee on Agriculture and Environment  
Meeting on February 11, 2022 at 1 p.m.  
Videoconference

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RE: **Strong support for SB2600 AND SB2601**

Marian Grey  
Treasurer

Aloha Chair Keohokalole, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and HTH/AEN 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 both SB2600 and SB2601.**

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. The Hui supports passing both bills or amending one to incorporate the other, given the shared focus on Section 342L-4, HRS.

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](http://www.hawaiikaihui.org)  
[www.kaiwicoast.org](http://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 these bills and passing the language from both on for Senate approval. 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  
Livable Hawaii Kai Hui

Dylan Ramos  
Communications & Operations  
Livable Hawaii Kai Hui

**SB-2600**

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 3:16:50 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/11/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To Members of the Senate Committee on Health and the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

I strongly support the passage of SB 2600 to support the enforcement of underground storage tanks compliance to all state and federal laws and to empower by law, the Director of Health to make changes to the permit if the permittee does not meet certain conditions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 2600.

**SB-2600**

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 2:19:02 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/11/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Kim Jorgensen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I FULLY SUPPORT SB 2600 and hope that it will pass.

**SB-2600**

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 2:34:19 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/11/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Anne Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass SB2600. The process of giving permits to the Navy to operate the fuel tanks on Red Hill is flawed because it does not hold the Navy accountable for bad behavior or incompetence in managing the tanks.

Mahalo.

Anne M. Miller

**SB-2600**

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 5:34:57 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/11/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha HTH/AEN committees,

Bill SB2600 is a good bill because it strengthens the state's ability to regulate underground fuel storage tanks to protect the aquifer and people's drinking water. The bill strengthens the existing bill and is more pro-active. The bill changes the existing bill from 'may' to SHALL. We need this proactive wording because the Navy lies and lies and tries to get to DOJ to stop our Dept of Health from protecting the people of Hawaii!





## Senate Committees on Health / Agriculture and Environment

Friday, February 11th, 2022, 1p.m.

### Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action Supports: SB2600

Aloha Chairs Keohokalole/Gabard, Vice Chair Baker/Nishihara and Members of the Committees,

On behalf of the Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) I am submitting testimony in **support of SB2600**. HAPA is a state-wide organization that engages approximately 10,000 local residents annually.

Mahalo for hearing SB2600, which requires that any permittee remain in compliance with all state and federal laws and has not been cited for any violation of the federal Water Pollution Control Act or chapter 342D, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The bill also requires the Director of Health to modify, suspend, or revoke any permit for underground fuel tanks if the permittee does not meet certain conditions.

SB2600 seeks to protect our islands' most precious resource from fuel contamination. The presence of leaky fuel tanks at Red Hill and the Navy's mismanagement of this crisis directly impacts the health and quality of life of Oahu's residents, and will continue to for generations to come. Some of our staff and many of our supporters are directly affected by this crisis. Our water is precious and we all have a duty to protect our islands' source of life for present and future generations.

The legislature must do all that it can to remove the threat of something far worse happening to our water supply, both now and for future generations to come. O'ahu's residents are facing a serious crisis which will continue for years. Board of Water Supply's Ernie Lau said that the Hālawā shaft – which was shut down as a precaution following the Navy's Red Hill well contamination – could be shut down for years, even permanently.

We cannot allow 80-year-old underground storage tanks that store up to 187 million gallons of fuel per day and that pose such an immense threat of leaking and contaminating our environment and water supply to operate 100 feet above O'ahu's sole-source drinking water aquifer.

Navy officials cannot be trusted to protect our water. They have lied time and time again. The following reasons explain why the legislature must act since the Navy has failed to:

- The Navy lied about an active leak at Pearl Harbor for months, discovering the leak in January 2021 but not informing Health Department officials until May. This was revealed in whistleblower emails and documents in October.
- A whistleblower also told the Department of Health in September that Navy officials provided false testimony and withheld information about the full extent of the Facility's infrastructure, including connected pipelines, as well as "historical records of corrosion issues, including holes in tanks" at its Red Hill fuel facility during legal proceedings.

- The Navy suspended use of its Red Hill water shaft on November 28, but the public only found out on December 1. The Navy continues to confuse and gaslight community members.
- Hundreds of community members reported chemical smells in their water on November 28 and then health issues on November 29, which the Navy refused to acknowledge as a potential health concern until the state Department of Health advised residents to not drink the clearly contaminated water.
- A day after the Navy said it had detected diesel in its 'Aiea Hālawā well at levels more than double the DOH safety limit, the military backtracked, saying the contaminated sample "did not come directly" from the well and the Navy does not believe the result proves the well is contaminated.
- They continue to not be transparent despite agreeing to the Administrative Order of Consent, which requires them to be more forthcoming about operations at the Red Hill facility.
- The BWS Hālawā shaft will be shut down until fuel is removed from the tanks and may not reopen for years to come. This shaft was a source of water for South O'ahu from Hālawā to Maunāluā. The BWS has advised that mandatory water conservation measures will now need to be in place in the summer of 2022.
- The Navy "flushed" Red Hill contaminants for days in violation of Department of Health requirements despite repeated warnings. This risked long-lasting effects on birds, plants, fish, and other aquatic life from petroleum contamination

The Department of Health has agreed that the situation is inherently dangerous. DOH said that a water sample taken from the Red Hill drinking water shaft on December 5 confirmed the water is contaminated with "high levels" of petroleum and gasoline. The sample detected total petroleum hydrocarbons diesel range organics levels 350 times above the DOH Environmental Action Level (EAL) for drinking water, and gasoline range organics more than 66 times the DOH EAL.

The Red Hill facility – the fragile, antiquated fuel tanks and supporting systems – has a long history of leaking fuel into the surrounding environment and has already contaminated O'ahu's primary drinking water aquifer. Shutting down Red Hill immediately and entirely is the only way to guarantee the safety of our water and our people.

The Facility's tanks, each with a 12.5 million-gallon capacity, had a quarter-inch thick steel liner when first constructed nearly 80 years ago. They are encased in aging concrete and the steel liners have been corroding to the point where many through-wall holes have been found and, in some areas, they are one-third of their original thickness.

These tanks have leaked 180,000 gallons of fuel since they were constructed and the Navy's own risk assessment from 2018 concluded that the probability of an acute leak of between 1,000 and 30,000 gallons (independent of any earthquake risk) over the next ten years is 96%. The Navy cannot prove that the tank or tank system will not leak regulated substances into the environment.

Approximately 93,000 people living in military housing have been unable to use their water for months. If the Navy water system is further compromised, our housing crisis will mushroom.

Lower levels of petroleum products were also found in samples collected from the Aliamanu Child Development Center as well as homes located on the Navy's water system.

It's absolutely critical that the State Legislature take action immediately to address this major threat to Honolulu's water supply by doing everything you can to address this and future potential threats from underground fuel storage tanks.

Please pass SB2600.

Mahalo for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Frederick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Anne Frederick  
Executive Director

**SB-2600**

Submitted on: 2/10/2022 7:29:32 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/11/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Christopher Dean	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

YES! I think all I need to say is, SHUT DOWN RED HILL! Let's do everything in our power to prevent another situation like Red Hill.

**SB-2600**

Submitted on: 2/11/2022 9:57:22 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/11/2022 1:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Maki Morinoue	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha

My name is Maki Morinoue, a fourth generation kama'aina. I grew up during the 80's when our residents were finally **allowed** to understand Hawaiian culture, language and cultural practices from our kupunas.

To not have access to learning about the true history of Hawaii was deceitful yet as a Japanese American I have learned that the government swooped up many of our community leaders after world war II including my grandfather and executive orders have smashed up all of our preciouce monuments. Not to mention the Kapu around naming your child with Japanese or Hawaiian first names. But the system purposefully and forcefully instilled fear to be their native self.

I am one of the few Japanese American's with a Japanese first name.

When will our government begin to move in a direction that brings Justice for our residents? It's sad that only now when it is poisoning our own American families in Military or Navy we start to pay more attention. The pattern is corruption, discrimination and as one white man is able to ulter power in our system by crying about discriination for not having voting rights on OHA leaders and spenditures, now we all have a say for better or worst on who get's into OHA and what is happening with THEIR MONEY and THEIR LAND. While Kanaka Maoli and Hawai'i state residents have been demanding Justice for over 30 years! How corrupt is this process?

There are no justifications or comprimises when you participate and vote towards an action that have negative impacts to our enviornment and human health. There are 2 roads to take. Bribery or Justice for ALL.

It's time for change. I hope to see more vocal leaders on the floor. It's too quiet on the Capitol floor.

Mahalo for your time.

Maki Morinoue

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