



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 3335,
RELATING TO THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS
BY

Luke P. Meyers
Administrator, Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA)

March 2, 2022

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the
Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB 3335.

Senate Bill 3335 appropriates funds for operational expenses of the Hawaii
Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

The CAP is a key partner in state emergency management. Its personnel
regularly serve in the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA)
Emergency Operations Center during emergency and disaster incident
responses, and they assist in the field with everything from spreading
warnings in remote areas before an incident, to providing pre-assessment
aerial reconnaissance, to assessing the damages and impacts afterward.

The CAP was recently employed on Maui following the December 2021
severe storms and provided valuable aerial photography that assisted the
state in its successful application for a federal disaster declaration.

Senate Bill 3335 would reinstate funding from the state for the CAP to
continue its vital missions.

The HI-EMA is in support of this bill provided it does not interfere with the
Governor's budget priorities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 3335.

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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 3335

March 2, 2022
10:15 a.m.
Room 211 and Videoconference

RELATING TO THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 3335.

S.B. No. 3335 appropriates \$150,000 in general funds to the Department of Defense for FY 23 to fund the operational expenses of the Hawai'i wing of the Civil Air Patrol. This bill is intended to assist with response and recovery efforts during and after a disaster to include search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial photography of impacted areas, alerts and notifications, and transportation of supplies.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



March 2, 2022

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair; Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran Vice Chair; and Committee Members
Public Hearing, March 2, 2022 at 10:15a.m., Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

**TESTIMONY of WILLIAM F. ANONSEN
MANAGING PARTNER/PRINCIPAL of THE MARITIME GROUP
In SUPPORT of the SB 3335**

My name is William Anonsen, and I am the Managing Partner/Principal of THE MARITIME GROUP, former chair of the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management (HACEM), and a member of the Civil Air Patrol – Hawaii Wing Advisory Committee. I strongly support this measure which would restore the critical funding to defray some of the operational expenses of the Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol necessary to continue its vital mission and operations of search and rescue and assisting emergency management agencies with critical response, disaster relief and recovery efforts during and after a disaster.

The Civil Air Patrol depends on state funding appropriations to defray its operational expenses and to ensure the Hawaii Wing's operational readiness. Any imposed budgetary restrictions would adversely affect these essential public safety services. The Hawaii Wing has three primary missions: search and rescue, aeronautics-aerospace education and its cadet program. It continues to provide tsunami warning services to the state, the only organization providing these capabilities. Once a tsunami alert has been issued by the National Weather Service, the volunteer members mobilize and get the Hawaii Wing's aircraft in the air, making repeated passes over beaches, and coastal communities using sirens and loudspeaker to warn residents and visitors. Civil Air Patrol aircraft also provide aerial photograph of any destruction and damage, along with serving as an active participant in counter-drug operations for the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The passage of this bill will ensure that the Civil Air Patrol -Hawaii Wing is able to keep its aircraft manned by a cadre of passionate and qualified volunteer pilots and support staff, that ensure these assets are operational and available to provide our multi-island state with public safety and lifesaving warnings, and to provide training for its personal. We understand there are many worthy organizations seeking and needing financial assistance during these challenging times, and we hope you will consider the Civil Air Patrol -Hawaii Wing as an organization meriting that level of investment and support.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment in support of this measure

Sincerely,

William F. Anonsen

William F. Anonsen
Managing Partner/Principal

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Submitted on: 3/1/2022 5:12:02 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Riley Mendiola	Testifying for Wheeler Composite Squadron, Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Riley Mendiola and I am the Cadet Commander of the Wheeler Composite Squadron of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

I request that you please SUPPORT SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai`i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so we may continue emergency services that are critical to the State. These services include, but not limited to, alerts and notifications during disasters, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies. We work closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery and to ensure the public safety of our communities.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

C/2d Lt Riley Mendiola

Cadet Commander, Wheeler Composite Squadron

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Submitted on: 3/1/2022 5:58:49 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jake Miller	Testifying for Wheeler Composite Squadron, Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Jake Miller and I am a 1st Class Airman Cadet of the Wheeler Composite Squadron of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

I request that you please SUPPORT SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai`i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so we may continue emergency services that are critical to the State. These services include, but not limited to, alerts and notifications during disasters, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies. We work closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery and to ensure the public safety of our communities.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/1/2022 10:07:03 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Stacy Haruguchi	Testifying for Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Stacy Haruguchi and I am the Chief of Staff of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

I request that you please SUPPORT SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai`i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so we may continue emergency services that are critical to the State. These services include, but not limited to, alerts and notifications during disasters, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies. We work closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery and to ensure the public safety of our communities.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 5:41:05 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
1Lt Jason Lichau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is First Lieutenant Jason C. Lichau and I am the Squadron Commander of the Wheeler Composite Squadron of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

I request that you please SUPPORT SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai`i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so we may continue emergency services that are critical to the State. These services include, but not limited to, alerts and notifications during disasters, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies. We work closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery and to ensure the public safety of our communities.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:05:30 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Isla Rohde	Testifying for Wheeler Composite Squadron, Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Isla Rohde and I am apart of the Wheeler Composite Squadron of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

I request that you please SUPPORT SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai`i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so we may continue emergency services that are critical to the State. These services include, but not limited to, alerts and notifications during disasters, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies. We work closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery and to ensure the public safety of our communities.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:25:48 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Santiago padilla-lenz	Testifying for Wheeler Composite Squadron, Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Santiago Padilla-Lenz and I am a cadet of the Wheeler Composite Squadron of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

I request that you please SUPPORT SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai`i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so we may continue emergency services that are critical to the State. These services include, but not limited to, alerts and notifications during disasters, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies. We work closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery and to ensure the public safety of our communities.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 10:17:11 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Joseph Quentin	Testifying for Civil Air Patrol	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Senators,

My name is Joseph Quentin and I am the Squadron Commander of the Kauai Squadron of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol, father of 4, and small business owner. I dedicate my free time to serving my community through the Civil Air Patrol.

I request that you please SUPPORT SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai`i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so we may continue emergency services that are critical to the State. These services include, but not limited to, Tsunami and Storm alerts, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies. We work closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery and to ensure the public safety of our communities. We also work with other volunteer organizations such as Kauai Search and Rescue K-9 teams. In Addition, CAP provide education to young men and women ages 12 to 21 about Aerospace, Leadership, and Community Service.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 10:20:58 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Raymond Johns	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please fund the Civil Air Patrol. I am a member of the Civil Air Patrol and I retired as General USAF. I believe in the service this organization provides to our Hawaiian community in Tsunami warning--this service alone provides direct communication with our citizens provides them significant time to find safe shelter locations. In addition the search and rescue operation clearly provides additional intelligence to our civic leaders regarding rescue efforts.

Perhaps the largest value to our community is the character development of our youth. Providing structure, mentors, and STEM/Aviation opportunities. I am currently mentoring several cadets, which I find extremely rewarding in assisting and supporting them in the leadership development and aerospace opportunities so needed in Hawaii.

I am retired and choose to invest my time in supporting our youth on the leeward side, please continue to invest in the protection of our community and the development of the next generation of leaders by supporting SB3335.

Mahalo

Raymond Johns Gen USAF (ret) and proud member of CAP

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 10:25:45 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
BONNIE LEE	Testifying for Kauai Squadron, Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Bonnie Lee and I am a cadet of the Kauai Squadron of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

I request that you please SUPPORT SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai`i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so we may continue emergency services that are critical to the State. These services include, but not limited to, alerts and notifications during disasters, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies. We work closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery and to ensure the public safety of our communities.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 10:32:25 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Benjamin Paul Sand	Testifying for Kauai Squadron, Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Benjamin Sand and I am one of the Mission Pilots of the Kauai Squadron of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

I request that you please SUPPORT SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai`i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so we may continue emergency services that are critical to the State. These services include, but not limited to, alerts and notifications during disasters, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies. We work closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery and to ensure the public safety of our communities.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:25:53 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Denton Alvarado	Testifying for Civil Air Patrol	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Denton Alvarado and I am the Squadron Commander of the Maryknoll Cadet Squadron of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

I request that you please SUPPORT SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai'i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so we may continue emergency services that are critical to the State. These services include, but not limited to, alerts and notifications during disasters, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies. We work closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery and to ensure the public safety of our communities.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 6:44:39 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
DeeKenna Rohde	Testifying for Wheeler Composite Squadron, Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol	Support	No

Comments:

My name is DeeKenna Rohde, and I am a Cadet Parent of the Wheeler Composite Squadron of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

I request that you please SUPPORT SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai`i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so we may continue emergency services that are critical to the State. These services include, but not limited to, alerts and notifications during disasters, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies. We work closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery and to ensure the public safety of our communities.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:14:06 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
James Peterson	Testifying for Wheeler Composite Squadron, Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol	Support	No

Comments:

My name is James Peterson and I am the Safety Officer of the Wheeler Composite Squadron of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

I request that you please SUPPORT SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai`i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so we may continue emergency services that are critical to the State. These services include, but not limited to, alerts and notifications during disasters, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies. We work closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery and to ensure the public safety of our communities.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:18:53 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Rachael Loebig	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Rachael Loebig and I am the spouse of a senior member of the Wheeler Composite Squadron of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

I request that you please SUPPORT SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai`i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so they may continue emergency services that are critical to the State. These services include, but not limited to, alerts and notifications during disasters, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies. They work closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery and to ensure the public safety of our communities.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:34:23 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Rodney Mendiola	Testifying for Civil Air Patrol Hawaii Wing	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Rodney Mendiola and I am the Communications Officer/Assistant Logistics Officer of the Wheeler Composite Squadron and Assistant Dir. of Communications/Assistant Dir. of Logistics of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

I request that you please **SUPPORT SB 3335**, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai`i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so we may continue emergency services that are critical to the State. These services include, but not limited to, alerts and notifications during disasters, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies. We work closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery and to ensure the public safety of our communities.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for all you do for our state and for your consideration.

Mahalo nui loa.

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Submitted on: 3/1/2022 6:39:58 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Bethany Woodward	Testifying for Kauai Squadron, Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Bethany Woodward and I am the parent of a cadet of the Kauai Squadron of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

I request that you please SUPPORT SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai`i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so we may continue emergency services that are critical to the State. These services include, but not limited to, alerts and notifications during disasters, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies. We work closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery and to ensure the public safety of our communities.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for your consideration.



HEADQUARTERS HAWAII WING
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1 March 2022

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair; Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran Vice Chair;
and Committee Members

Public Hearing, March 2, 2022 at 10:15a.m., Conference Room 211 &
Videoconference

Testimony of Chantal Lonergan, Commander, Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 3335**, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. This bill proposes to appropriate funds for operational expenses of the Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

As the current Hawaii Wing Commander and retired Hawaii Air National Guard aircraft maintainer, I value the way CAP provides professionally structured education and training to local citizens, ages 12 to retired adults, emphasizing volunteer emergency service. While there is no military service requirement, volunteers acquire greater leadership skills, delve into the ethics of leadership, learn more about the inner workings of organizations, their place within that structure, development challenges and opportunities, and their own potential to effect lasting change within our community, state, and nation. CAP's missions include emergency service, aerospace education and cadet programs. Last year alone, Hawaii Wing delivered \$2,324,621 of volunteer service to the state during 7 Search and Rescue Missions, 3 Disaster Relief Missions, many defense intercept, evaluation, 12 training, and state support missions, and provided 369 cadet orientation flights. The Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol has over 600 volunteers, to include 70 aircrew members, 360 emergency responders, 7 repeaters, 81 VHF/FM stations, 20 HF stations, 10 aircraft and 14 corporate vehicles our professionally trained members use for instruction and emergency response. While we receive federal funding for main equipment purchasing, there are many costs to maintaining operational readiness and safe execution of our missions that - without state funding - members self-fund. For many years, the State of Hawaii has assisted the Hawaii Wing with funding to defray training and operational costs. Starting in 2020 and continuing through 2021, the State redirected CAP funding to support COVID 19 activities. As the pandemic has become manageable, CAP seeks to reestablish funding for our mission readiness activities.

In the last 2 years, the Hawaii Wing has continued to carry out its missions through alternative funding sources, donations collected from its members, and local unit fundraisers. These sources are not sustainable to cover the high cost of maintenance of our aircraft, vehicles, and equipment and not reliable enough to ensure the operational readiness across the state. It is for this reason that we ask that our funding be restored so we may focus on more effectively serving our State. Over 80 years ago, Civil Air Patrol was created to prepare private citizens for homeland defense. Over the years, this role has evolved to include providing support to our emergency management agencies during natural disasters. Hawaii Wing provides critical services to the State of Hawaii in

times of emergencies and works closely with local emergency management agencies in all four counties and the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. We have conducted missions that include, but are not limited to: Search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial photographs of impacted areas, alerts and notifications, transportation of supplies to remote locations, and support training events with other emergency response agencies.

Most recently, CAP conducted aerial reconnaissance for the State of Hawaii after the severe weather incident in December of 2021. The photographs were instrumental in documenting the damage to roadways and bridges on the Island of Maui and were included in the State's application for a Federal Disaster Declaration. Recent similar missions were conducted on Hawaii Island during the Kilauea volcanic eruptions, statewide for Hurricanes Lane and Olivia, and on Kauai during the recent flood events as well as Search and Rescue. In situations where the State is threatened by a tsunami, CAP pilots, scanners and ground crews are called upon to use aircraft mounted speakers to alert remote areas not otherwise serviced by the state's emergency alert system.

For over 50 years, Hawaii Wing has been an integral part of the State of Hawaii Tsunami Warning System and historically provided aerial warnings along the shorelines, potentially saving the lives of thousands of residents and visitors. Hawaii Wing provides a critical service to the State covering areas where there are no ground emergency broadcast system sirens, or where sirens are inoperative. There is no governmental agency that does this and there is no back up for the Hawaii Wing Volunteers. Volunteers are on alert 24/7 for Tsunami Warning Response and aircrew keep go bags in their personally owned vehicles to support rapid response to the staging area when Tsunami Warnings are issued. Consequently, it is essential to maintain equipment, aircrew and ground support personnel to competent currency levels required to perform this life saving Tsunami Warning Mission.

Your support is key to our long-term ability to provide quality and reliable Volunteer emergency support services to the State of Hawaii. Thank you for your **SUPPORT of SB 3335**.

CHANTAL LONERGAN, Colonel, CAP
Commander, Hawaii Wing

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Submitted on: 3/1/2022 7:38:54 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Pete Tingstrom	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Pete Tingstrom and I fully support the Civil Air Patrol, an important organization that supports our State and its people. I request that you please SUPPORT SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai'i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so we may continue emergency services that are critical to the State. These services include, but not limited to, alerts and notifications during disasters, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies. The CAP works closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery and to ensure the public safety of our communities.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/1/2022 9:16:28 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
James Degnan	Testifying for Civil Air Patrol	Support	No

Comments:

Ladies and Gentleman, My name is James Degnan and I am the Operations Officer for the Kauai Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. I am also a retired Naval Officer and Aviator. I support SB3335. Reasons are numerous. Primarily it's Tsunami Warning. It's a life saviour for the island of Niihau and the Kauai north shore beaches. The CAP also works closely with all the emergency management agencies during national disasters doing aerial reconnaissance, damage assessments and transportation of supplies.

The Hawaii state receives a "lot of bang for the buck" from these volunteers.

Please vote to pass SB3335, relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Aloha,

Jim Degnan

LTC Kauai Operations officer

808-826-4163

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Submitted on: 3/1/2022 10:56:32 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Brian Lynch	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Brian Lynch and I am the Deputy Commander for Cadets of the St Louis Crusaders Composite Squadron of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

I request that you please SUPPORT SB 3335,

Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai`i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so we may continue emergency services that are critical to the State. These services include, but not limited to, alerts and notifications during disasters, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies. We work closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery and to ensure the public safety of our communities.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/1/2022 12:01:03 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dean Trotzuk	Testifying for Maui SQUADRON, Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Dean Trotzuk and I am a Senior Member of the MAUI SQUADRON of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

I request that you please SUPPORT SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai`i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so we may continue emergency services that are critical to the State. These services include, but not limited to, alerts and notifications during disasters, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies. We work closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery and to ensure the public safety of our communities.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
C W (Chaz) Dryden Jr	Testifying for Kahului Squadron, Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Charles W Dryden Jr Lt Col CAP and I am the Hawaii Wing Director of Education and Training and Education and Training Officer of the Kahului Squadron (Maui County Composite Squadron). of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

I request that you please SUPPORT SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol. The purpose of this bill is to restore State funding to the Hawai`i Wing of the Civil Air Patrol so we may continue emergency services that are critical to the State.

These services include, but are not limited to, alerts and notifications during disasters, search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial reconnaissance and transportation of supplies.

Civil Air Patrol works closely with the emergency management agencies of the respective counties and the State of Hawaii to assist in emergency response and recovery, and to ensure the public safety of our communities.

Please vote to pass SB 3335, Relating to the Civil Air Patrol, out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very Respectfully,

C W Dryden Jr LtCol Hawaii Wing CAP

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Submitted on: 3/1/2022 3:55:44 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Melissa Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Esteemed Senators,

I am a volunteer with the Maui Civil Air Patrol Squadron, but I would like to take this opportunity to testify as a parent and request that you vote yes to SB3335 on our Keiki's behalf.

Since many have already testified to CAP providing a needed service to Government agencies and the community during emergencies (search and rescues, tsunamis, etc), I think it's important for you to hear testimony on how this organization stands in the gap for our Keiki.

It truly is such a unique program and that it gives kids from diverse backgrounds and educational needs an equal platform in which they feel accepted and valued. The mentoring the cadets receive not only from the senior members who are volunteering, but from the older cadets, is life changing. In a day and time when so many programs often have a high ratio of students to a teacher, the design of this program really shines. Through mentoring from both peers and adults, OTJ training, learning to lead by example, and fostering individual responsibility the program really is a life line for many keiki.

The core values (integrity, excellence, respect, and service to others) that are the driving force of not only the program training, but becomes intertwined in the relationships that get built between the cadets. That respect and acceptance they show of each other is what sets this program apart and makes it absolutely wise to support, especially when social aggression has become so common place in our society. What they learned in the program carries over into every aspect of their lives. So many of our Keiki fall through the cracks but this program effectively plugs up those cracks and helps them to become successful and confident. To witness this firsthand is amazing and a privilege.

I can say this with full confidence because my child is one of those keiki. He has learning difficulties as well as PTSD from the school system. Prior to joining CAP he was not able to access any type of indoor group settings. Since his goal is to be a pilot I had cautiously reached out to the leaders to explain our challenges and asked if they thought the program would be a good fit. (We had previously tried other community resources, such as Boy Scouts and community centers, to no avail). The leaders were willing to work with us on the triggers and put measures in place so that my son could participate without feeling singled out. We met with them and the senior cadets to discuss my son's challenges and they fully embraced and supported him. The ongoing success has been nothing short of remarkable. My son feels very valued,

accepted, and safe and his confidence has grown by leaps and bounds. You just can't put a price tag on a program that can help to create that kind of turn around. Other community programs are not set up in the same unique way that, inherently by design of the program, meets the unique needs of so many of our Keiki.

I also recently had the privilege of interviewing several of our cadets as part of my volunteer service, and I was just blown away with their feedback. Things that I heard repeatedly was how the program helped them to find their voice, to feel like they belonged somewhere, to develop friendships and receive acceptance despite their differences, to help them gain confidence in things they struggled with such as public speaking or even just making friends, to learn how to become leaders, and to have access to opportunities such as encampment and piloting programs. Also how the Covid shut down really impacted them and they are NEEDING to be able to get back to being able to do these things together. Without funding support It will really limit the squadrons' ability to provide these needed opportunities, especially to families that are already struggling. As you are aware, the Covid shut down has negatively impacted so many of our families financially.

In conclusion, the CAP program needs your support not only to be able to continue to offer vital emergency services and assistance to various government agencies and the community, but the keiki also needs your support for funding to be able to fully function and to continue to offer the cadets a place that they can grow, overcome their personal obstacles in a safe environment, and have life-changing opportunities, all the while learning how to be of service to and take pride in their community.

As a mom seeing first hand the incredible results of this program, I highly encourage you to vote yes and invest in our Keiki by allotting our tax dollars to this program. The return on the investment is limitless, both in our community disaster responses as well as our most valuable investment, our Keiki.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Melissa Johnson

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
James VanDerKamp	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am submitting in support of SB 3335 RELATING TO THE CIVIL AIR PATROL (CAP). Funding will not only support general CAP Cadet programs but also HI State Emergency Response capability. I fly as a Mission Pilot for Emergent Tsunami Alert, Pre and Post Catastrophe Photo-reconnaissance, HIANG adversary support, and Cadet Orientation Rides. In order for a pilot to conduct these missions, he/she must be qualified and CURRENT in the aircraft available. These qualifications are perishable and must be maintained by actually flying the aircraft monthly, as well as completing annual checkrides. Approving this bill will provide necessary funding for required flight time and aircraft maintenance so that CAP can safely accomplish these vital Emergency Response missions.