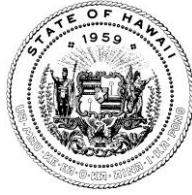


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DOUGLAS MURDOCK
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Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023

SENATE BILL 1469
RELATING TO FIRST RESPONDERS TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS AND CYBERSECURITY DATA
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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

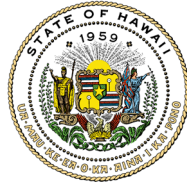
The Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) is the State agency charged with information technology (IT) governance for the executive branch as well as maintaining and operating Hawai'i State government's enterprise IT, network and telecommunications infrastructure and services.

ETS **strongly supports this bill** and the vision of a new multipurpose IT facility within the First Responders Technology Campus and Cybersecurity Data Center that offers sufficient space to consolidate government IT operations as required by Act 179 SLH2022; is flexible to meet changing future technologies; is located near the statewide electrical and secure commercial communication infrastructure; and is close to collaborating State and local government agency partners.

Further, as ETS' 40-year-old facilities are in the flood-prone Kalanimoku building basement, moving to a modern above-ground location in the new campus would ensure government IT operations could continue in the case of a major disaster.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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RELATING TO THE FIRST RESPONDER TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS
AND CYBERSECURITY DATA CENTER

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON **WAYS AND MEANS**

BY

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ADMINISTRATOR
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FEBRUARY 8, 2023

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

I am James Barros, Administrator of the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA).

The HI-EMA provides written testimony to **SUPPORT** Senate Bill 1469.

SB1469 appropriates funds for the development of the First Responder Technology Campus and Cybersecurity Data Center. When complete, the campus would provide facilities serving multiple agencies, including our own.

The existing headquarters complex for HI-EMA at Diamond Head dates to World War I, which creates complications and costs that impact our ability to fulfill our mission.

HI-EMA has been the beneficiary of federal and State funding that has advanced the design process that ultimately could deliver a new State Emergency Operation Center, with the eventual site envisioned at the First Responder Technology Campus. The campus site is situated out of the hurricane and tsunami inundation zone and would enable a more flexible and modern approach to emergency management.

We ask for your support of this bill, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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RELATING TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS AND CYBERSECURITY
DATA CENTER BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

BY

FRANK J. PACE

ADMINISTRATOR

HAWAII OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

I am Frank Pace, Administrator for the Hawaii Office of Homeland Security.

The Office of Homeland Security (OHS) provides written testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB1469.

The proposal to relocate critical infrastructure for State and County first responders, and data systems is a necessary step in building resiliency. Current facilities are vulnerable to natural disasters and no longer meet the needs of our agencies. Investing in a permanent, state-owned facility is a crucial step towards ensuring the safety and preparedness of our first responders.

The First Responders Technology Campus, is a solution that will resolve these challenges. This new facility will provide critical partnerships for our first responders as they coordinate joint trainings and responses, while being located outside of the inundation zone.

The commitment from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Hawaii Army National Guard, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Public Safety, and Department of Law Enforcement, as well as

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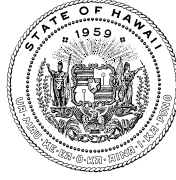
interest from federal agencies, demonstrate the public safety community's dedication to this proposal. The coordination and collaboration between these agencies will be instrumental in ensuring the success of this project.

This proposal is a step towards a safer and more prepared future for our first responders and communities. I urge you to support this proposal and invest in the safety and preparedness of our first responders.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB1469.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
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TO THE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

SENATE BILL 1469

FEBRUARY 27, 2023, 10:35 AM

CONFERENCE ROOM 211 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

RELATING TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS AND
CYBERSECURITY DATA CENTER.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 1469. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) strongly **supports** this bill and offers the following comments:

1. Relocating emergency management and first responder operations and facilities outside of inundation zones is necessary to ensure the continuity of government operations in support of our residents particularly during times of crisis. State, county, and federal emergency management operations and first responders must be focused on their missions in support of our citizens and not have the

added burden of evacuating their own facilities because they are in vulnerable locations.

2. Existing facilities that support critical government operations are outdated, inefficient, and vulnerable. Development of this campus and data center will allow the State to take advantage of new building technology, energy efficient systems, and ensure resiliency in the face of disaster.
3. The synergy created by having similar operations in close proximity to each other would allow agencies, at all levels of government, to share resources, increase coordination, improve training, and enhance the overall response to the growing potential threats that exist today and in the future.
4. Our existing Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) facilities are located in a vulnerable location. Moving the operations and equipment to a modern, safe, and secure site, such as the proposed technology campus, would further ensure our ability to support departments, agencies and the community that rely on the data and services provided by ETS during disasters.

The funding and development of this campus and data center will signal the State's investment in the necessary infrastructure and facilities thereby ensuring the readiness and responsiveness of our first responders. It is for the above-mentioned reasons that we humbly request your support for this request.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of this measure.

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DIRECTOR OF HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
AND HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISOR

FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

I am Major General Kenneth Hara, Adjutant General, Director of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, and Homeland Security Advisor, State of Hawaii, Department of Defense.

The Department of Defense (DEF) provides written testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB1469.

The First Responders Technology Campus provides a much-needed solution to the vulnerabilities which face our first responders and their current facilities. The investment into a permanent, state-owned facility provides a space to relocate the critical infrastructure for State and County first responders and data systems while also fostering coordination between first responders and critical partners. The public safety community has demonstrated their investment into the success of this proposal through commitment from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Hawaii Army National Guard, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Public Safety, and Department of Law Enforcement, as well as interest from federal agencies.

This proposal is a step towards a safer and more prepared future for our first responders and communities. I urge you to support this proposal and invest in the safety and preparedness of our first responders.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB1469.

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Written Statement of
Len Higashi
Executive Director
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before the
Senate Committee On Ways and Means
Monday, February 27, 2023
10:35 a.m.
Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

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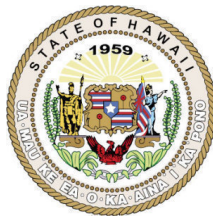
Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee.

The Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **supports** SB1469 that appropriates funds for the development of the First Responders Technology Campus and Cybersecurity Data Center (FRTC).

HTDC supports initiatives aimed at growing tech and innovation jobs. HTDC has been working on the planning and design of the campus and is submitting the final Environmental Impact Statement for approval. The project is scheduled to begin site work and groundbreaking in the upcoming fiscal year. HTDC is working with the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism and the Hawai'i Community Development Authority on the FRTC. The project may provide a good opportunity to leverage available federal funding.

HTDC supports this request provided it does not impact the priorities in the administration's budget. Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1469
RELATING TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS
TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS AND CYBERSECURITY DATA CENTER

Before the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Monday, February 27, 2023; 10:35 a.m.

State Capitol Conference Room 211 and Videoconference

Testifiers: Jordan Lowe or Michael Vincent

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

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) strongly supports House Bill 1493.

This bill appropriates funds for the development of the First Responders Technology Campus and Cybersecurity Data Center which will be located at the First Responder Technology Campus.

Members of the Legislature and county and state first responder agencies have been working on the development of this location as a home for City and County and state first responder agency offices, with state-of-the-art training facilities designed to accommodate residential training opportunities. The ability to provide consistent uniform training for first responders will ensure that every county is staffed with the best trained personnel. The co-location of emergency response agencies will help support coordination of event, emergency, or disaster response efforts. The site will also afford a level of security for these agencies, including the cybersecurity data center, that cannot be found in other locations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this bill.



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Statement of
Craig K. Nakamoto, Executive Director
Hawai'i Community Development Authority

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Monday, February 27, 2023
10:35 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

In consideration of
S.B. 1469
**RELATING TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS AND
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Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee.

The Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) supports S.B. 1469 that appropriates funds for the development of the First Responders Technology Campus and Cybersecurity Data Center.

HCDA has been working with the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) and the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) in the planning and project management of the First Responders Technology Campus.

HCDA has successfully worked with HTDC in the past to construct the popular Entrepreneurs' Sandbox facility in Kaka'ako.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2023 3:34:48 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Megan Fox	Testifying for Malama Kaua'i	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We need to keep our ag lands in agriculture for our islands. Our food security and resilience is far more important than this "campus". What we need is vital public infrastructure upgrades, a sustainable food system, truly affordable housing, and a transition to clean, renewable energy. I urge you to OPPOSE this misguided bill.



To: The Senate Committee on Ways and Means (WAM)
From: Sherry Pollack, Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023, 10:35 am

In strong opposition to SB1469

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and WAM Committee members;

I am Co-Founder of the Hawaii chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. 350Hawaii.org is in **strong opposition to SB1469** that would appropriate funds for the development of the First Responders Technology Campus and Cybersecurity Data Center.

UNDERMINING FOOD SOVEREIGNTY EFFORTS

Hawaii already relies too heavily on imported food. Efforts should be focused on fostering food sovereignty, not spending money to develop a “Technology Campus” on 243 acres of agricultural land. It is noted that construction would cost between \$315–470 million, including \$50 million in state funds. Our tax dollars need to be put towards real solutions that truly help us build our resiliency to the climate crisis and don’t take away needed agricultural land.

UNDERMINING WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Parts of Oahu are already experiencing drought conditions as a result of the effects of global warming. Oahu’s sole-source aquifer has been further compromised by the jet fuel leaks from the Navy’s Red Hill Bulk Fuel Facility. As a result, the Board of Water Supply has been urging for dedicated water conservation efforts. This misguided Technology Campus project would include a new well for water use (using an estimated 249,700 gallons/day, plus another 228,600 gallons/day of nonpotable water for an onsite fire-fighting training facility), and wastewater infrastructure to process an estimated 1,018,215 gallon/day. All of this, at a time when Oahu is experiencing a water crisis, is completely unacceptable.

A CASE OF GREENWASHING

SB1469 is nothing more than a classic example of greenwashing in its portrayal to be a response to the impacts of global warming. We don’t need to be building a “Technology Campus” with a 2,000-space parking garage; a privately developed hotel/dormitory; a vehicle wash facility; a fitness area and pool; warehouses; office buildings; and an indoor shooting range on 243 acres of agricultural land to help Hawaii mitigate the climate crisis. We don’t need any of that to prepare for sea level rise and other impending climate disasters. What we need is vital public infrastructure upgrades, a sustainable food system, truly affordable housing, and a transition to 100% clean, renewable energy.

Don’t waste our money on ill-advised projects like this. We urge you to **OPPOSE** this misguided bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sherry Pollack
Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org

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Submitted on: 2/25/2023 11:31:21 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dave Mulinix	Testifying for Our Revolution Hawaii	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee,

On behalf of Our Revolution Hawaii's 5,000 members and supporters statewide, we stand in **STRONG OPPOSITION** of passage of SB1469 that appropriates funds for the development of the First Responders Technology Campus and Cybersecurity Data Center.

First the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation's statutory purpose is to "facilitate the growth and development of the commercial technology industry in Hawai'i" and to develop a "local, commercialized innovation research and technology workforce."

By the definition above the proposed First Responders Technology Campus and Cybersecurity Data Center's detailed description as stated in SB1469 does not fulfill the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation's statutory purpose, because it will not facilitate the growth and development of the commercial technology industry nor will it develop a commercialized innovation research and technology workforce.

Second the proposed project would include: a new well for water use (est. 249,700 gal/day, plus another 228,600 gal/day of nonpotable water for an onsite fire-fighting training facility), and wastewater infrastructure to process an estimated 1,018,215 gal/day. At a time when the island of Oahu is already experiencing a drought due to the effects of the growing Climate Crisis that may continue for years, and a water contamination crisis as a result of the Navy's Red Hill Bulk Fuel Facility that may permanently close down some of our wells, our aquifer simply cannot sustain the project.

Please vote NO on SB1469.

Mahalo,

Dave Mulinix, Cofounder & Hawaii State Organizer

Our Revolution Hawaii

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Submitted on: 2/26/2023 9:44:46 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Trisha Kehaulani Watson	Testifying for Honua Consulting	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I am in strong support of this measure. This is a critical project that will help build much needed resilience for our island's infrastructure as it faces intensifying impacts from climate change. I grew up in Mililani, only a few minutes from the project area, and I strongly feel this is an excellent site for this important project.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/24/2023 9:34:09 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
laurel brier	Testifying for Kauai women's caucus	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose this misuse of taxpayers money and any attempts to use federal money for this project in the name of climate resiliency. To fast track this project in order to avoid public scrutiny is offensive. The military has billions at it's disposal and yet we are to take what has been designated to address the climate crisis to create even more emissions, paving over agriculture land with a gigantic parking lot, swimming pool and training areas to further militarize our state. The guise of calling it a 'technology campus' is dishonest. Resources need to be directed to the genuine threats of climate chaos.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2023 1:40:42 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lauren Blickley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

I STRONGLY oppose this measure.

The construction and operation of the proposed facility will do nothing but ADD to our greenhouse gas emissions. The proposed project would include, among other things: a swimming pool, fitness enter, target range, gigantic parking lot, and a new well for water use (est. 249,700 gal/day, plus another 228,600 gal/day of nonpotable water for an onsite fire-fighting training facility), and wastewater infrastructure to process an estimated 1,018,215 gal/day. There is already a water shortage on Oahu and residents have been asked to reduce consumption by 10%. Authorities have predicted a severe impact on water supplies for Honolulu this summer, curtailing construction projects.

Please do NOT SUPPORT this bil that would lead to misuse of state and federal funds, accelerate the Climate Crisis, and further militarize Hawai'i.

SB-1469

Submitted on: 2/24/2023 3:15:51 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Haskin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY oppose SB 1446.

The VERY last thing we need to be spending money on is to develop a “First Responder Technology Campus” on 243 acres of agricultural land in forested parcels between Mililani and Wahiawā.

Construction would cost between \$315–470 million, including \$50 million in state funds. Please don't spend our tax dollars on this BAD idea.

The problems facing us in Hawaii are so much greater than what this bill addresses. The proposed project would include:

- A new well for water use (est. 249,700 gal/day, plus another 228,600 gal/day of non-potable water for an onsite fire fighting training facility);
- Wastewater infrastructure to process an estimated 1,018,215 gal/day,
- Electrical infrastructure;
- A 2,000-space parking garage;
- A privately developed hotel/dormitory;
- A vehicle wash facility;
- A fitness area and pool;
- Warehouses;
- Office buildings; and
- An indoor shooting range.

None of these things will help us prepare for impending climate disasters.

We need attention to other more important issues such as: affordable housing, vital public infrastructure upgrades, managed shoreline for critical economic sectors, coral reef support, and a transition to full green, renewable energy sources.

Please do not advance this misguided bill.

Sincerely,

Jessica Haskin

Kilauea, HI 96754

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Submitted on: 2/24/2023 6:07:13 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melissa Barker	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Members,

I respectfully urge you to vote NO on SB1469 which would appropriate approximately \$50 million in state taxpayer dollars to begin development of a First Responders Training Campus for 19 state and federal agencies including police, the FBI, and Homeland Security. Approximately \$450 million of additional federal funds would be needed to complete the project. Please do not take monies earmarked in the Inflation Reduction Act that has been designated to addressing our climate crisis.

Thank you for your attention and courtesy.

Melissa Barker

Kapaa, HI

SB-1469

Submitted on: 2/24/2023 6:38:00 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruta Jordans	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am testifying to express my **STRONG OPPOSITION** to **SB1469**.

I feel shame that members of the State Senate are promoting this travesty by fast-tracking it. At a time when there are so many real life social needs in Hawaii for affordable housing, local food, forests, sufficient clean water, etc., this bill would take vital agricultural land and build a military super playground, using climate change as the reason. Now, when we are losing respect for our legislators and their transparency, this bill does not give sufficient evidence to support the need for a First Responders Campus which will cost between \$315 - \$470 million and take 15 years to build. Certainly, it will do nothing to mitigate or adapt to climate change. With the ongoing difficult police – community relationships throughout the United States, the trend now is to decentralize and work within each community.

Please rethink the needs in Hawaii, realize that SB1469 is not dealing with our real needs but rather is exacerbating them, and vote against it!

SB-1469

Submitted on: 2/24/2023 7:34:44 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
robert brower	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee members. My family and I are in strong opposition to this misguided Bill. To spend this amount of resources to put police and federal agents on high ground in the middle of Oahu is quite ludicrous. If the sea level ever gets that high there won't be any community to respond to... How can they be called "first responders" if the responders have to drive from this location to the out lying communities?

Keep responders spread out across the island close to where the emergencies occur. Renovate existing facilities if needed. This thing sounds too much like a resort; your constituents will question this huge expenditure.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2023 8:54:07 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Helen Cox	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please oppose SB1469. It will have dire consequences and needs far more thought before being considered. It should not be fast tracked through the approval process when it will have an enormous negative impact on Hawaii as presently conceived. Mahalo!

SB-1469

Submitted on: 2/25/2023 10:23:31 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Randy Ching	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, members of the committee.

I strongly oppose SB1469. See Atlanta's proposal for "Cop City" for some of the reasons why.

The surveillance state in the US is well beyond "Big Brother." We don't need more spying on US citizens. We need to dismantle the surveillance state. Big Tech knows way too much about us.

Mahalo for your consideration. Hold SB1469 or vote to kill it.

Randy Ching

Honolulu

SB-1469

Submitted on: 2/25/2023 12:23:41 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jack Moses Minassian	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support the establishment of a First Responder Center. I am currently an Associate Professor at Hawaii Community College, and I am also the Fire Science Program coordinator. It is important that first responders are well trained, and knowledgeable of how to provide emergency services to our community. Hawaii Island has limited resources and this would be a greatly needed asset.

Mahalo,

Jack M. Minassian

SB-1469

Submitted on: 2/25/2023 1:40:53 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanette Vinton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and WAM committee members,

I am writing in strong support of Bill SB1469, which appropriates funds for the development of the First Responders Technology Campus and Cybersecurity Data Center. I have noticed these days an increase in all sorts of crimes - robberies, assaults and killings of innocent people, plus fires and vehicle and pedestrian accidents resulting in injuries or fatalities. I believe it is important to ensure that our first responders have the technology and resources they need to respond effectively to emergencies and that this bill is a necessary investment in the safety and security of our communities.

In addition, as a longtime resident of Mililani, I believe that this project would benefit our community's economy with new jobs and more customers to patronize our struggling local businesses in Mililani as well as Wahiawa.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nanette Vinton

Mililani, HI

SB-1469

Submitted on: 2/25/2023 3:18:29 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Judith A Mick	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha- It is so important that Hawaii protect it's agricultural lands and water supply. Please vote against using this area for anything else. We must think of the future of our precious land.

Mahalo, Judy Mick, Kailua

SB-1469

Submitted on: 2/25/2023 4:52:17 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Will Caron	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB1469. The last thing we need to be spending money on is to develop a “First Responder Technology Campus” on 243 acres of agricultural land in forested parcels between Mililani and Wahiawā.

Construction would take approximately 15 years at a cost of between \$315–470 million, including \$50 million in state funds. The Hawai‘i Technology Development Corporation project would involve 19 different agencies at the Federal, State and County levels, including police, military branches, and the Dept. of Homeland Security.

The proposed project would include:

- A new well for water use (est. 249,700 gal/day, plus another 228,600 gal/day of non-potable water for an onsite fire fighting training facility);
- Wastewater infrastructure to process an estimated 1,018,215 gal/day,
- Electrical infrastructure;
- A 2,000-space parking garage;
- A privately developed hotel/dormitory;
- A vehicle wash facility;
- A fitness area and pool;
- Warehouses;
- Office buildings; and
- An indoor shooting range.

What a tremendous waste of resources! We don’t need any of that to prepare for sea level rise and other impending climate disasters. What we need is 50,000 units of affordable housing, vital public infrastructure upgrades, managed shoreline retreat for critical economic sectors, coral reef support, and a transition to full green, renewable energy sources.

Please defer this misguided bill and spend those millions on affordable housing and other things that the people of Hawai‘i actually need.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2023 6:25:47 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
TOM DIGRAZIA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong opposition!

SB-1469

Submitted on: 2/25/2023 8:41:14 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vivien Lee and Charlie Reppun	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We strongly oppose SB 1469. SB1469 is nothing more than a classic example of greenwashing in its portrayal to be a response to the impacts of global warming. We don't need to be building a "Technology Campus" with a 2,000-space parking garage; a privately developed hotel/dormitory; a vehicle wash facility; a fitness area and pool; warehouses; office buildings; and an indoor shooting range on 243 acres of agricultural land to help Hawaii mitigate the climate crisis. We don't need any of that to prepare for sea level rise and other impending climate disasters. What we need is vital public infrastructure upgrades, a sustainable food system, truly affordable housing, and a transition to 100% clean, renewable energy. I urge you to OPPOSE this misguided bill.

Vivien Lee and Charlie Reppun

SB-1469

Submitted on: 2/26/2023 12:05:06 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cory Harden	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

This is not an agricultural use! Save our ag land for food.

mahalo, Cory Harden

SB-1469

Submitted on: 2/26/2023 5:04:50 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Katherine Fryer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB1469. A “Technology Campus” with a 2,000-space parking garage, a privately developed hotel/dormitory, a vehicle wash facility, a fitness area with a pool, and an indoor shooting range will not help Hawaii mitigate the climate crisis. It will not improve our state's resilience in the face of rising sea levels, intensifying hurricanes, and increasing wildfires. By squandering resources, it will do more harm than good.

Construction would cost between \$315–470 million, including \$50 million in taxpayer dollars. These funds would be better spent on infrastructure improvements, addressing our housing crisis, and transitioning to clean renewable energy. The campus would be built on 243 acres of agricultural land, reducing the area available for local sustainable farming. The project would include a new well for water use (est. 249,700 gal/day, plus another 228,600 gal/day of nonpotable water for an onsite fire-fighting training facility), and wastewater infrastructure to process an estimated 1,018,215 gal/day. This is shockingly wasteful considering Oahu's current water crisis.

I urge you to oppose this ill-advised project.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2023 8:28:22 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michele Nihipali	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB1469. We should not be spending money to develop a “Technology Campus” on 243 acres of agricultural land. Construction would cost between \$315–470 million, including \$50 million in state funds. This is outrageous! Our tax dollars need to be put towards real solutions that truly help us build our resiliency to the climate crisis and don’t take away needed agricultural land. Don’t waste our money on ill-advised projects like this.

--This misguided project would include a new well for water use (est. 249,700 gal/day, plus another 228,600 gal/day of nonpotable water for an onsite fire-fighting training facility), and wastewater infrastructure to process an estimated 1,018,215 gal/day. This, at a time when Oahu is experiencing a water crisis, is completely unacceptable.

--SB1469 is nothing more than a classic example of greenwashing in its portrayal to be a response to the impacts of global warming. We don’t need to be building a “Technology Campus” with a 2,000-space parking garage; a privately developed hotel/dormitory; a vehicle wash facility; a fitness area and pool; warehouses; office buildings; and an indoor shooting range on 243 acres of agricultural land to help Hawaii mitigate the climate crisis. We don’t need any of that to prepare for sea level rise and other impending climate disasters. What we need is vital public infrastructure upgrades, a sustainable food system, truly affordable housing, and a transition to 100% clean, renewable energy. I urge you to OPPOSE this misguided bill.

Please oppose SB1469

Thank you for your consideration,

Michele Nihipali

54-074 A Kam Hwy.

Hauula, HI 96717

SB-1469

Submitted on: 2/26/2023 8:37:00 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Latkiewicz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

--I strongly oppose SB1469. We should not be spending money to develop a “Technology Campus” on 243 acres of agricultural land. Construction would cost between \$315–470 million, including \$50 million in state funds. This is outrageous! Our tax dollars need to be put towards real solutions that truly help us build our resiliency to the climate crisis and don’t take away needed agricultural land. Don’t waste our money on ill-advised projects like this.

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--SB1469 is nothing more than a classic example of greenwashing in its portrayal to be a response to the impacts of global warming. We don’t need to be building a “Technology Campus” with a 2,000-space parking garage; a privately developed hotel/dormitory; a vehicle wash facility; a fitness area and pool; warehouses; office buildings; and an indoor shooting range on 243 acres of agricultural land to help Hawaii mitigate the climate crisis. We don’t need any of that to prepare for sea level rise and other impending climate disasters. What we need is vital public infrastructure upgrades, a sustainable food system, truly affordable housing, and a transition to 100% clean, renewable energy. I urge you to OPPOSE this misguided bill.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2023 10:56:55 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noreen Dougherty	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Senators,

As an educator and child advocate in the State of Hawaii for over 45 years, I strongly oppose the funding projected for SB1469. We have many serious environmental and climate change issues that must be addressed now during this legislative session. We simply can not wait any longer to finance what is urgently needed concerning climate change. We are running out of time. The massive series of projects proposed in SB1469 will greatly contribute to the problems and concerns that we have now concerning water, greenhouse gases, waste generated by construction, etc. Most certainly our 50 Million dollars of State funds paid by taxpayers should benefit the residents of Hawaii in a more meaningful and immediate way. Stop the misuse of both State and Federal funds that will accelerate the climate Crisis.

SB-1469

Submitted on: 2/26/2023 10:59:27 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dale Jensen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Ways and Means Committee Members:

I strongly oppose SB1469. We should not be spending money to develop a “Technology Campus” on 243 acres of agricultural land. Construction would cost between \$315–470 million, including \$50 million in state funds. This is outrageous! Our tax dollars need to be put towards real solutions that truly help us build our resiliency to the climate crisis and don’t take away needed agricultural land. Don’t waste our money on ill-advised projects like this.

SB1469 is a misguided project that would include a new well for water use (est. 249,700 gal/day, plus another 228,600 gal/day of nonpotable water for an onsite fire-fighting training facility), and wastewater infrastructure to process an estimated 1,018,215 gal/day. This, at a time when Oahu is experiencing a water crisis, is completely unacceptable.

SB1469 is nothing more than a classic example of greenwashing in its portrayal to be a response to the impacts of global warming. We don’t need to be building a “Technology Campus” with a 2,000-space parking garage; a privately developed hotel/dormitory; a vehicle wash facility; a fitness area and pool; warehouses; office buildings; and an indoor shooting range on 243 acres of agricultural land to help Hawaii mitigate the climate crisis. We don’t need any of that to prepare for sea level rise and other impending climate disasters. What we need is vital public infrastructure upgrades, money and methodology for planned retreat from our threatened shorelines, a sustainable food system, and a transition to 100% clean, renewable energy. I urge you to OPPOSE this misguided bill disguised as climate legislation.

Sincerely,

Dale Jensen

Professional Engineer

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SB-1469

Submitted on: 2/26/2023 5:24:21 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joanna Howard	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This misguided project would include a new water for water use (est. 249,700 gal/day, plus another 228,600 gal/day of nonpotable water for an onsite fire-fighting training facility), and wastewater infrastructure to process an estimated 1,018,215 gal/day. This, at a time when Oahu is experiencing a water crisis, is completely unacceptable.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2023 6:29:39 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dylan Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am testifying in OPPOSITION to SB1469. While I do see some benefits to the idea, such as consolidating the footprint of certain agencies, relocating some offices from inundation zones, and creating some workforce housing, the current plan is a far cry from the original vision laid out in the 1980s for a technology campus that would encourage innovation and industrial development. More importantly, as the project is currently being pitched, I do not see the cost-to-benefit ratio working in favor of taxpayers, working families, the economy, or the environment. Worse, as some have pointed out, the project is starting to generate valid concerns with its comparability to "Cop City" in Atlanta, both in terms of land use and governing, particularly policing strategies. At the very least, this Legislature should reconsider the amount of land and taxpayer dollars it proposes to commit, and use those resources to instead address the more pressing needs of Hawai'i's people.

Mahalo,

Dylan Ramos

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Submitted on: 2/26/2023 7:09:04 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julio Magalhães	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Legislature:

I am writing to **strongly oppose SB1469** which relates to the first responders technology campus and cybersecurity data center. I am opposed both to the content of the proposed bill as well as the short-circuited process being used to rush this bill through the Senate. The bill's content and process goes against key Hawaiian values of our society to protect the *aina* and the people and to be *pono* as far as all involved.

This bill would appropriate \$50 million in taxpayer dollars to develop a First Responders Training Campus for 19 state and federal agencies including police, the FBI, and Homeland Security. I oppose this measure for the following reasons:

Immediate impacts on community: This project will have significant impacts on the Launani Valley and Wahiawa Communities, as the massive campus will be accessible only from a two lane road, in an area where traffic at intersections is already a problem for residents.

Environmental concerns: These 2 parcels are located on former agricultural lands that are now covered by dense forest. Construction alone would emit at least 60.5 tons of CO per year (based on conservative estimates) for at least 5 years for just the first phase of this massive project. Most importantly, a new well for water use will likely need to be drilled, along with associated pipelines and necessary road extensions. In the middle of an unparalleled water crisis, we should not be misallocating our water resources.

Climate preparedness: The Draft EIS states that the project is needed to ensure that the facilities of involved agencies are safe from the impacts of climate change. However, if climate resiliency is our concern, then the project's massive budget could be better used to invest in alternatives that help our communities prepare and care for each other in the face of climate emergency. *We want to see this funding directed toward building sustainable food systems, developing community preparedness, and promoting the health of our native ecosystems and watersheds.*

Fund Communities not Cops: I am tired of taxpayer dollars being spent on policing and militarization of the State rather than on community needs. The State Department of Public Safety received \$528 million in general funds in 2022. Meanwhile the Department of Education received \$74 million, and the Department of Agriculture received just \$24 million, which is just

half of what this project demands in state funding alone. That means that this bill is asking taxpayers to spend more on a single facility than we do on developing our food systems in an entire year.

Diversification of Hawai'i's Economy beyond tourism and the military: As the Covid-19 crisis has clearly demonstrated again, the State of Hawai'i must diversify its economy. The State already relies far too heavily on tourism and the military. *We do not need further investment in the military and police. The funds that would be appropriated for this first responders campus should be used to diversify our economy in the areas of sustainability and addressing the climate disruption crisis.*

Sincerely,

Julio Magalhães

Kilauea, Kaua'i

LATE

SB-1469

Submitted on: 2/26/2023 10:06:23 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Hansen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha: I strongly oppose SB1469. We should not be spending money to develop a “Technology Campus” on 243 acres of agricultural land. Construction would cost between \$315–470 million, including \$50 million in state funds. This is outrageous! Our tax dollars need to be put towards real solutions that truly help us build our resiliency to the climate crisis and don’t take away needed agricultural land. Don’t waste our money on ill-advised projects like this.

Mahalo, Elizabeth Hansen, Hakalau HI 96710

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Submitted on: 2/26/2023 10:16:03 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rodger Hansen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha - I strongly oppose SB1469. We should not be spending money to develop a “Technology Campus” on 243 acres of agricultural land. Construction would cost between \$315–470 million, including \$50 million in state funds. This is outrageous! Our tax dollars need to be put towards real solutions that truly help us build our resiliency to the climate crisis and don’t take away needed agricultural land. Don’t waste our money on ill-advised projects like this.

Please oppose this bill.

Mahalo, Rodger Hansen, Hakalau HI 96710

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Submitted on: 2/26/2023 10:19:02 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wendy Benton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

Please do not continue on this path of fear and distruction of our way of life here in Hawai'i by destroying agricultural land to further militerize our state and misaproprate funds that are needed for research for climate change!!!!

I feel it is shady of Representative Kouchi to push this important bill through with just a single reading!!!!

There are enough real life environments where first responders can already train without taking away our precious land from agriculture or homes.

Please shut down this bill.

It is a very bad idea!!!!!!

Mahalo

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/27/2023 7:20:22 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kate Thompson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/27/2023 10:18:56 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Harmon	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senators and House Representatives,

As a Hawaii voter I ask you to reject SB1469. Stop misuse of state and Federal money and militarization of Hawaii.

Thanks,

Linda Harmon

Hanapepe, Hawaii

LATE

SB-1469

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 10:36:22 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE