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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Friday, March 21, 2025
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 411

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR133 / HR128

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Iwamoto, and Members of the Committee:

The Military and Community Relations Office (MACRO) of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) strongly supports the construction of a floating drydock at Pearl Harbor.

The construction of a new floating drydock at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard increases the shipyard's capacity to service submarines and surface vessels, bolstering national defense while also driving substantial economic benefits for Hawaii.

New floating drydocks are designed for a 150-year service life, making it a project that will serve the state and nation for generations to come.

Additionally, the shipyard is one of the state's largest employers, with over 6,500 civilian employees in Hawaii. Supporting the construction of the floating drydock means supporting Hawaii's workforce and communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR133 / HR128
STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLOATING DRYDOCK AT PEARL HARBOR.**

Committee on Public Safety
Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Kim Coco Iwamoto, Vice Chair

Friday, March 21, 2025 at 9:00 AM
Conference Room 411 & Videoconference
415 South Beretania Street

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Iwamoto, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Military Affairs Council ("MAC") **supports** HCR133 / HR128 which supports the construction of a floating drydock at Pearl Harbor.

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

The construction of Drydock 5, valued at over \$2.2 billion, is the largest public works project in the history of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY) and is critically needed to repair and maintain the Virginia class submarines. The Navy identified the need for a floating drydock at PHNSY to ensure there is no pause or impinging on the equally important repair and maintenance work of the Surface fleet. This collective capability is critical to our nation's ability to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

PHNSY is the largest industrial employer in the State of Hawaii with more than 6,500 Hawaii civilian employees. By supporting this resolution, we advocate for PHNSY's ability to ensure that the fleet is fit to flight tonight, keeping maritime lanes open in and about the South China Sea against China, our near peer adversary in this most consequential region.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ann Chung	Pacific Shipyards International	Support	In Person

Comments:

Please pass this resolution. It is very important that we have a floating drydock to support surface ships. I hope you will support this resolution.

Ann Chung

HCR-133

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Testimony for PBS on 3/21/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frank Schultz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this initiative.

HCR-133

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Testimony for PBS on 3/21/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Veray	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I most strong support HCR133 and complanion resolution HR128.

As a retired U.S. Navy Command Master Chief and SubmarIner, I most strongly support the construction of a Floating Dry Dock at Pearl Harbor that will allow for the repair and maintenance of our submarine force Virginia Class submarines. It is vital that the U.S. Navy be ready and fit to fight with a very integral part of our stealth fighting force. This is so important for Commander, Pacific Fleet.