



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 133
STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLOATING DRYDOCK AT PEARL HARBOR**

Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

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415 South Beretania Street

Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Military Affairs Council ("MAC") **supports** HCR 133 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 fight 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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Testimony for PSM on 4/11/2025 3:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this initiative.