



SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

April 1, 2025

10:45 AM

Conference Room 325

In SUPPORT of HCR28 HD1/HR27 HD1: REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO RECONVENE THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18, H.D. 1 (2024) TO CONTINUE THE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO WATER AND AIR CONTAMINATION AND REMEDIATION ARISING FROM THE OPERATION OF THE PUULOA RANGE TRAINING FACILITY.

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of our over 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **SUPPORTS HCR28 HD1/HR27 HD1**, which would enable a working group established last year to commence and complete its work assessing and mitigating the significant public safety and environmental health concerns and risks associated with the U.S. Marine Corps' Pu'uloa Range Training Facility (PRTF).

Testing of soil, sand, fish, and homes - including tests conducted by the U.S. Marine Corps - have indicated that significant amounts of lead may have migrated and may be continuing to migrate into the highly popular open spaces, nearshore waters, and neighborhoods and schools adjacent to the PRTF. This includes the movement of lead via erosion, bullet fragments that escape the facility (as documented by community members), and airborne dispersal from lead dust released upon bullets impacting the PRTF target berms. However, despite their own tests showing extremely high levels of lead in soil samples, and despite the Hawai'i Department of Health's urging to further investigate the risks to public health and safety, the U.S. Marine Corps have maintained that no further action is needed on their part to address the community's and Health Department's concerns.

The Sierra Club emphasizes that there is no safe level for lead exposure, which can pose significant risks to human health, and especially for keiki and pregnant women. **Even low concentrations of lead can impair nearly all organ systems in the body, with the most severe and irreversible effects on neurological development in children. Childhood lead exposure has been linked to developmental delays, behavioral issues, immunotoxicity, reproductive toxicity, and increased risk of hypertension, kidney damage, and cancer.** There is therefore a clear risk that



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significant, irreversible, and generational harms may be inflicted upon local families and visitors, including infants, children, and pregnant women, who live, attend school, or recreate in the 'Ewa Beach region surrounding the PRTF. Allowing this risk to continue is simply unconscionable.



Figure illustrating the proximity of the Pu'uloa Range Training Facility to neighborhoods, an elementary school, a popular community beach park, and public trust waters frequented by surfers, swimmers, and local fishers.

By extending and urging the reconvening of the HR18 working group, HCR28 HD1/HR27 HD1 provides a critically needed opportunity for the public and relevant stakeholders to come together, assess, and mitigate the risk of significant harm to public and environmental health and safety likely being posed by the PRTF. This work is highly time sensitive: not only may toxic lead exposure already be occurring for hundreds of people on a daily basis, but a major storm, tsunami, or similar event may result in a sudden release of lead and other heavy metals from the contaminated berms and soil within the PRTF, creating an even higher level of exposure risk that may be exponentially more difficult to remediate.

Therefore, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i respectfully urges the Committee to **PASS** this resolution. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2025 11:55:29 AM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan B Roberts Emery	Green Party of Hawai'i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

My name is Susan Roberts Emery, I am the co chair of the Green Party of Hawai'i, and we **strongly support HCR28/HR27**, which would reconvene a working group to address air and water contamination that may be putting residents and visitors in 'Ewa Beach - including keiki - at risk of toxic lead exposure.

The Pu'uloa Range Training Facility (PRTF) poses significant environmental and public health risks due to lead contamination in its impact berms, which border residential neighborhoods and a busy beach park. Soil sampling has revealed elevated lead levels on the beach side of the facility, raising concerns about lead and heavy metals leaching into the ocean, contamination of nearshore waters and marine life, and airborne dispersion into nearby communities.

A working group established in 2024, set to dissolve on June 30, 2025, has been tasked with addressing these urgent threats, yet it has never convened a meeting. Meanwhile, despite finding elevated levels of lead in its own soil testing, and notwithstanding the urging of the Hawai'i Department of Health, the Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) has taken the position that no further action is needed.

By urging the reconvening of this working group, this resolution will hopefully serve to finally bring together experts and stakeholders to address community concerns surrounding the PRTF, such as additional testing and monitoring needs (including downwind residential areas and in the nearshore environment), and the need for remediation strategies that can help mitigate the public health and environmental impacts of lead contamination.

The health and safety of 'Ewa Beach residents - including our keiki - marine ecosystems, and public spaces like Pu'uloa Beach Park, will remain at risk without sustained collaboration among stakeholders, including the Department of Health, MCBH, community representatives, and environmental experts. HCR28 and HR27 would provide a framework to bring these key stakeholders together to address this risk, and protect our environment and people from significant generational harms.

The Green Party of Hawai'i urges the Committee to **PASS HCR28/HR27**.

Mahalo,

Susan RobertsEmery
Green Party of Hawai'i
Paauilo



Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

March 30, 2025

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HR27, HD1 / HCR28, HD1: REQUESTING THE RECONVENING OF THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18, H.D. 1 (REGULAR SESSION OF 2024)

TO: Chair Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chair Amy A. Perruso, and Members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

DATE: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 **TIME:** 10:45 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 325 and via videoconference

FROM: Environmental Caucus

Dear Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

We strongly support HR27, HD1 / HCR28, HD1, which requests the reconvening of the working group established pursuant to House Resolution No. 18, H.D. 1 (Regular Session of 2024) to continue addressing water and air contamination and remediation issues stemming from the operation of the Pu'uloa Range Training Facility.

Key Reasons for Support:

1. **Protection of Public Health:** Water and air contamination pose significant health risks to nearby communities. Reconvening the working group will enable continued efforts to identify and mitigate potential health hazards, ensuring the well-being of residents.
2. **Environmental Safeguards:** The Pu'uloa Range Training Facility has been linked to contamination concerns that threaten Hawaii's natural resources. By continuing to evaluate and address these issues, the working group can promote sustainable practices and protect Hawaii's environment for future generations.
3. **Accountability and Transparency:** The reconvened working group provides a platform for thorough investigation, accountability, and transparent communication regarding contamination and remediation efforts. This process fosters trust among affected communities and stakeholders.
4. **Collaborative Problem-Solving:** A dedicated working group enables government agencies, community representatives, and subject matter experts to collaborate on innovative and effective solutions to contamination issues, ensuring diverse perspectives are considered.

5. **Support for Impacted Communities:** The continuation of this effort demonstrates a commitment to addressing the concerns of communities impacted by the Pu‘uloa Range Training Facility’s operations. The findings and recommendations of the working group can inform meaningful actions to restore and safeguard these communities.

HR27, HD1 / HCR28, HD1, represents a vital step toward addressing the environmental and health concerns associated with the Pu‘uloa Range Training Facility. We urge the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection to support this resolution to ensure continued progress in protecting Hawaii’s residents and natural resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HR27, HD1 / HCR28, HD1.

Respectfully submitted,

Melodie Aduja and Alan Burdick
Co-Chairs, Environmental Caucus



Hawai'i State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St,
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony for HCR28/HR27

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

Aloha. My name is Jonnetta "Jonee" Peters, Executive Director of the Conservation Council for Hawai'i (CCH), which is the Hawai'i affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation. I am testifying in STRONG SUPPORT of HCR28/HR27, to protect our families, keiki and native wildlife from the generational and irreversible impacts of lead exposure, in the parks, neighborhoods, and ocean waters surrounding the Pu'uloa Range Training Facility.

The Hawaiian Monk Seal Preservation 'Ohana is an adjunct of CCH and frequent the beaches of this area to log, photograph, and (if needed) educate the public or report injured seals. This would be a travesty if our endangered Hawaiian Monk Seal would become subject lead poisoning. This also puts other native wildlife, volunteers, as well as the community or anyone that visit these areas at risk.

We must protect our citizens, visitors, children and animals from known threats from lead contamination. Please pass this resolution to protect and prevent the burden to our healthcare systems, costs and lifelong harms that may harm our residents, visitors, keiki and wildlife from lead contamination.

Please **SUPPORT AND PASS HCR28/HR27!**

Mahalo nui,


Jonnetta "Jonee" Peters
Executive Director

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Submitted on: 3/28/2025 3:32:50 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John & Rita Shockley	Free Access Coalition	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

The Free Access Coalition supports HCR28. We need to continue the work to keep the water in Ewa Beach clean for everyone, both now and in the future..

Please pass this resolution.

Mahalo for your time.

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 10:36:36 AM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marie Venner	Small Business Alliance	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

Our organizations **strongly support HCR28/HR27**, which would reconvene a working group to address air and water contamination that may be putting residents and visitors in ‘Ewa Beach - including keiki - at risk of toxic lead exposure.

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Accordingly, we urge the Committee to **PASS HCR28/HR27**.

Mahalo for your kokua,

Marie Venner

Small Business Alliance and former Local Commissioners

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Submitted on: 3/31/2025 10:31:40 AM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Choon James	CountryTalkStory	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT

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Submitted on: 3/31/2025 7:02:41 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joseph Kohn MD	We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Accordingly, I urge the Committee to **PASS HCR28/HR27**.

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perusso, and members of the EEP Committee:

I think you may have heard from some Ewa community members urging the EEP Committee to pass HCR28/HR27, and I wanted to respectfully reach out to share a deeply personal story. My wife and I were living right next to the Pu'uuloa Range Training Facility (PRTF) for several years. We regularly swam at the beach park which is only a few feet away from the range. When the Surfrider Foundation did testing that showed extensive lead contamination all along the shoreline which borders homes and the park, we and our neighbors were alarmed. It also just so happened, that we got pregnant around that time. What followed was one of the most painful moments of our lives. 6 months into the pregnancy, my wife went into spontaneous labor and we lost our baby. As we looked for answers in the painful aftermath, no clear cause was identified. However, in the subsequent months, testing of dust for the presence of lead was done by a local scientist (funded by former Rep. Martinez) on the windowsills of few homes in near the shooting range (see Civil Beat article below), and the results came back positive. Several fish were also caught right in front of the beach park/shooting range and tested for lead, and the results were off the charts.

When we shared with our doctors that we were living next to a site with significant lead contamination, we were advised to move immediately if possible as the devastating impact of lead on unborn children is well documented. While there was no way to know conclusively if that is what caused our loss, we were told that should we get pregnant again, the risks were extremely high due to the strong possibility of lead exposure in the area near the range. We made the painful decision to leave our home and our beloved neighbors and move into town.

Numerous tests have been conducted, including most recently last year by the Marines themselves, and all confirmed alarmingly high levels of lead in the berms and shoreline.

We are respectfully requesting passage of HCR28/HR27, because maintaining the Working Group as outlined in the resolutions is critical to the health and safety of the Ewa community.

In my time serving on the Neighborhood Board, my fellow board members and I worked tirelessly on this daunting issue, which has striking parallels to Red Hill.

You may be aware, but the House and Senate unanimously passed resolutions in 2023 calling for the relocation of PRTF due to numerous threats to the Ewa community that were deemed to not be mitigable, including lead contamination. HCR28/HCR27 is a critical step in the process of ensuring DOH steps up to conduct additional testing that DOH itself

recommended in response to the Marine's test results (including airborne dust blown onto nearby homes and groundwater).

These steps are critical as we continue to work with Hawai'i's congressional delegation to relocate the range to a non-residential area and away from the shoreline.

Two Civil Beat stories are below covering this issue, and highlight the urgent need for lawmakers to take steps to address the contamination.

It is difficult to publicly share this personal story, and we greatly appreciate your leadership in protecting the pregnant mothers and children of Ewa Beach by passing HCR28/HCR27.

Mahalo,

Liam Chinn

[Ewa Beach Residents Left In The Dark About Possible Lead Contamination From Marines' Shooting Range - Honolulu Civil Beat](#)

[Lead Detections Near Puuloa Shooting Range Prompt Calls For Investigation - Honolulu Civil Beat](#)

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Submitted on: 3/28/2025 2:34:20 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
arleen velasco	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We must do what we can to protect our children and future generations from the known threat of heavy metal toxicity being generated at the Marine Corp Pu'uloa Range Training Facility. The community needs a chance to address the issue of heavy metal contamination and obtain real cooperation from the Marines. A few years ago lead testing around the range area showed high levels of lead in the areas adjacent to the range. The Maines have not been forthcoming with information and the community deserves to find out if they have been exposed to harmful substances. Help protect the health of the Ewa Beach community and support this resolution.

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Submitted on: 3/28/2025 3:47:51 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leah Kocher	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

I am a concerned resident of Honolulu, testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HCR28/HR27, to protect our families and keiki from the generational and irreversible impacts of lead exposure, in the parks, neighborhoods, and ocean waters surrounding the Pu‘uloa Range Training Facility.

The work in the Pu'uloa Range area is not done and the working group needs to continue in order to address this health and environmental issue. I strongly believe we must do what we can to protect our children and future generations from known threats of harm. Please, give the community a chance to address the issue of lead contamination, and prevent the lifelong harms that may be inflicted upon the residents and visitors of ‘Ewa Beach - including unborn children, infants, keiki, and others - from lead exposure, by passing this resolution.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Leah Kocher

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Leah Kocher

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2025 6:39:34 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Lavine	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo nui for your consideration of this matter.

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2025 7:32:59 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alex Tam	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

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I live in Ewa Beach near the waters of Pu'uloa Beach Park and I often swim there with friends. I see keiki playing in the water and I am concerned that myself, my friends, or keiki in the neighborhood will be exposed to lead and risk lifelong health issues from lead poisoning.

I strongly believe we must do what we can to protect our children and future generations from known threats of harm. Please, give the community a chance to address the issue of lead contamination, and prevent the lifelong harms that may be inflicted upon the residents and visitors of ‘Ewa Beach - including unborn children, infants, keiki, and others - from lead exposure, by passing this resolution.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of this matter.

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2025 12:09:40 AM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this important bill. Mahalo

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2025 10:06:55 AM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shay Chan Hodges	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Shay Chan Hodges

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Diane Ware	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Accordingly, I urge the Committee to **PASS HCR28/HR27**.

Malama pono,

Diane Ware

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HCR-28-HD-1

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Diane Ware	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Malama pono,

Diane Ware

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Davie-ann Momilani Thomas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

My name is Davie-ann Momilani Thomas. I firmly support HCR28/HR27. Because... My ohana and self also lives 10 years on military environmental toxin soil, grass and an affected home and yard. On Pearl city peninsula Navy housing.

Our home, yards, street and neighborhood park facing our home, was built over a Navy landfill to which the Navy failed to properly clean up (1980s and prior) the Toxic waste and materials on land before our home was constructed in 1980s, opened for Hawaii military families to move in year 11991we moved in Aug 2015 to present.

Our home is also on Navy connected plumbing pipes that was found to have JP5 Jet fuel and other particles unknown that should not be in drinking water from Navy red hill.

Because we received 2 island tap water From waiawa and Navy's Red Hill shaft (Closed).

Also, Pearl city's National Army Guard admitted Feb 2023, the Navy's water well For Pearl city peninsula Navy housing (and other areas in pearl city) Located under pearl city home depot and Kamehameha highway town bound. There could be detection of high PFAS/Aff count from 2002 banned fire fighting foam that Entered Waiawa stream decades ago. The Army National Guard are still investigating.

The crap me and my ohana had to face medically , emergency rooms and concerning reactions, and

Into the future for health issues - that Many island doctors and military Physicians, can not detect environmental toxins that easily in our bodies or make critical determination we or anyone else were exposed to military environmental toxins

I Do feel deep concerned for the residents,School kids, visitors and businesses Of Ewa beach affected by pu'uloa Range and vast surrounding. Please listen To my concern that I, too, face. Mahalo.

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2025 12:06:51 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Craig Tanaka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

My name is Craig Tanaka and I **strongly support HCR28/HR27**, which would reconvene a working group to address air and water contamination that may be putting residents and visitors in ‘Ewa Beach - including keiki - at risk of toxic lead exposure.

The Pu‘uloa Range Training Facility (PRTF) poses significant environmental and public health risks due to lead contamination in its impact berms, which border residential neighborhoods and a busy beach park. Soil sampling has revealed elevated lead levels on the beach side of the facility, raising concerns about lead and heavy metals leaching into the ocean, contamination of nearshore waters and marine life, and airborne dispersion into nearby communities.

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The health and safety of ‘Ewa Beach residents - including our keiki - marine ecosystems, and public spaces like Pu‘uloa Beach Park, will remain at risk without sustained collaboration among stakeholders, including the Department of Health, MCBH, community representatives, and environmental experts. HCR28 and HR27 would provide a framework to bring these key stakeholders together to address this risk, and protect our environment and people from significant generational harms.

Accordingly, I urge the Committee to **PASS HCR28/HR27**.

Sincerely,
Craig Tanaka

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2025 12:11:04 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew S. LoPresti, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

My name is Dr. Matthew S. LoPresti, resident and former representative of 'Ewa Beach and I **strongly support HCR28/HR27** for many of the same excellent reasons articulated already by the Sierra Club and many neighbors and environmental stewards in our islands.

In 2021, while in my thrid term office, I toured Pu'uloa Range Training Facility (PRTF) and asked tough questions about lead contamination, unfortunately, I have to conclude that either I was mislead or the one's providing me answers were themselves underinformed. Having served as the Chair of the House Committee on Veterans, Military and International Affairs I am very familiar with the USMC's needs for a long-range rifle facility on island and know that the State Hawai'i Department of Health can find ways to partner with the Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, but not at the expense of the human or environmental health. Now that we have reliable independent data, we absoutely need to reconvenene this working group.

It is needless to say dissappointing to see that the Dept. of Defense is becoming less and less of a trusted partner by both political parties in the Hawaiian Islands on more issues than just the Red Hill issue.

Thank you for your consideration of this measures and mahalo to the introducers for continuing this work began by previous legislators, community, and environmental leaders who have worked so long to help ensure that this area is safe and free from toxic pollutants. This is truly a non-partisan issue that we can all come together on to support. Please pass it.

Sincerely,

Matthew S. LoPresti, Ph.D.

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2025 1:53:03 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ana Baldinger	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

I am a concerned resident of Kahuku, testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HCR28/HR27, to protect our families and keiki from the generational and irreversible impacts of lead exposure, in the parks, neighborhoods, and ocean waters surrounding the Pu‘uloa Range Training Facility.

I firmly believe we must do what we can to protect our children and future generations from known threats of harm. Please, give the community a chance to address the issue of lead contamination, and prevent the lifelong harms that may be inflicted upon the residents and visitors of ‘Ewa Beach - including unborn children, infants, keiki, and others - from lead exposure, by passing this resolution. Do the right thing for the community, for the constituents who voted for you.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of this matter.

Ana

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2025 4:06:49 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laura Leonberger	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

My name is Laura Leonberger and I **strongly support HCR28/HR27**, which would reconvene a working group to address air and water contamination that may be putting residents and visitors in ‘Ewa Beach - including keiki - at risk of toxic lead exposure. Despite finding elevated levels of lead in its own soil testing, and notwithstanding the urging of the Hawai‘i Department of Health, the Marine Corps Base Hawai‘i (MCBH) has taken the position that no further action is needed.

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Accordingly, I urge the Committee to **PASS HCR28/HR27**.

Sincerely,
Laura Leonberger

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2025 8:07:49 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Malia Marquez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Kākou,

We need to better our protections for 'āina. Lead in sand, fish, home near Pu'uloa? We can do better as a steward of this land. We need to protect Ewa Beach from toxic lead contamination. Please support HCR 28. Our earth needs us more than ever now.

Mahalo,

Malia Marquez

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2025 11:04:33 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bo Breda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

My name is Bo Breda and I **strongly support HCR28/HR27**, which would reconvene a working group to address air and water contamination that may be putting residents and visitors in ‘Ewa Beach - including keiki - at risk of toxic lead exposure.

The Pu‘uloa Range Training Facility (PRTF) poses significant environmental and public health risks due to lead contamination in its impact berms, which border residential neighborhoods and a busy beach park. Soil sampling has revealed elevated lead levels on the beach side of the facility, raising concerns about lead and heavy metals leaching into the ocean, contamination of nearshore waters and marine life, and airborne dispersion into nearby communities.

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Accordingly, I urge the Committee to **PASS HCR28/HR27**.

Sincerely,
Bo Breda

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2025 11:11:24 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter Wilson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

My name is Peter Wilson and I **strongly support HCR28/HR27**, which would reconvene a working group to address air and water contamination that may be putting residents and visitors in 'Ewa Beach - including keiki - at risk of toxic lead exposure.

The Pu'uloa Range Training Facility (PRTF) poses significant environmental and public health risks due to lead contamination in its impact berms, which border residential neighborhoods and a busy beach park. Soil sampling has revealed elevated lead levels on the beach side of the facility, raising concerns about lead and heavy metals leaching into the ocean, contamination of nearshore waters and marine life, and airborne dispersion into nearby communities.

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Accordingly, I urge the Committee to **PASS HCR28/HR27**.

Sincerely,
Peter Wilson

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 8:02:51 AM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
cheryl hendrickson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Reconvene a working group to address air and water contamination that may be putting residents and visitors in 'Ewa Beach - including keiki - at risk of toxic lead exposure.

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HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 9:28:10 AM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
cheryl burghardt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I give STRONG SUPPORT HCR28 HD1 in REQUESTING THE RECONVENING OF THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18, H.D. 1 (REGULAR SESSION OF 2024) TO CONTINUE THE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO WATER AND AIR CONTAMINATION AND REMEDIATION ARISING FROM THE OPERATION OF THE PUULOA RANGE TRAINING FACILITY."

Every day we learn of "one more" area of our islands and thus our aina and people that has been exposed to and life/health conditions threatened by the military. It is endless and important to address. We need to be maka`ala for the safety of our current situations and for the future.

C. Burghardt

Kou, Oahu

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 10:01:52 AM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KEALA FUNG	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

My name is Keala Fung and I am a concerned community member, testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HCR28/HR27, to protect our families and keiki from the generational and irreversible impacts of lead exposure, in the parks, neighborhoods, and ocean waters surrounding the Pu‘uloa Range Training Facility.

One of my fishing grounds where i feed myself, my family, and people I love, is Puuloa Beach Park which is literally right next to the facility. This, this issue is of upmost importance to me.

I strongly believe we must do what we can to protect our children and future generations from known threats of harm. Please, give the community a chance to address the issue of lead contamination, and prevent the lifelong harms that may be inflicted upon the residents and visitors of ‘Ewa Beach - including unborn children, infants, keiki, and others - from lead exposure, by passing this resolution.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of this matter.

Keala Fung

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 10:09:44 AM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HCR28HD1/HR27HD1, which would reconvene a working group to address air and water contamination that may be putting residents, including young children, at risk of toxic lead exposure. The Puuloa Range Training Facility poses significant environmental and public health risks due to lead contamination in its impact berms, which border residential neighborhoods and a busy beach park. To protect the residents in Ewa, please pass this important resolution. Mahalo.

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 12:44:21 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Biggs	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Continue the working group dedicated to addressing the high levels of lead contamination found in the sand, fish, and homes surrounding the Pu‘uloa firing range to protect families living and recreating in ‘Ewa Beach, today and for generations to come, safe from the potentially debilitating and lifelong effects of toxic lead exposure.

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 3:58:12 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrea Dias-Machado	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

I am a concerned resident of West LOch Fairways located in the 'Ewa Plain of the ahupua'a of Honouliuli, testifying in STRONG SUPPORT of HCR28/HR27, to protect our families and keiki from the generational and irreversible impacts of lead exposure, in the parks, neighborhoods, and ocean waters surrounding the Pu'uloa Range Training Facility. I strongly believe we must do what we can to protect our children and future generations from known threats of harm. Please, give the community a chance to address the issue of lead contamination, and prevent the lifelong harms that may be inflicted upon the residents and visitors of 'Ewa Beach - including unborn children, infants, keiki, and others - from lead exposure, by passing this resolution.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of this matter.

Me ke aloha,

Andrea Dias-Machado

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 9:42:13 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Accordingly, I urge the Committee to PASS HCR28 HD1/HR27 HD1.

me ke aloha 'āina,

Nanea Lo
Mō'ili'ili, HI 96826
Sierra Club of Hawai'i Executive Committee Member
Board Member, Hawai'i Workers Center
Kanakanaka Maoli/Lineal Descendant of the Hawaiian Kingdom

HCR-28-HD-1

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HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 10:29:39 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharde Freitas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Accordingly, I urge the Committee to **PASS HCR28 HD1/HR27 HD1**.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 11:52:28 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patrice Choy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HCR28 HD1/HR27 HD1 and urge the Committee to pass this measure.

Thank you.

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 5:30:04 AM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Gorman-Chang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 31, 2025

Susan Gorman-Chang, Ewa Beach resident

SUPPORT HCR 28

Chair and Members of EEP,

1. for providing a hearing for HCR 28. I strongly support HCR 28. The Pu'uloa Range Training Facility (PRTF) is located in the community I call home. The PRTF is adjacent to Iroquois Point Elementary School, Pu'uloa Beach Park, and residential homes.

It is well established that lead is a toxin, impacting permanently many organs in the human body and children are especially susceptible. Lead from the PRTF does not stay within a neat border of the PRTF. There is sufficient evidence that the lead has migrated beyond the borders of PRTF.

I strongly support HCR 28 because our keiki and our community deserve a thorough analysis completed by a focus group for assessing the significant public safety and environmental health concerns and risks associated with the PRTF. The past focus group, which ends June 2025, did not complete this important work.

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 9:24:54 AM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samuel Lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

My name is Samuel Lee and I strongly support HCR28/HR27, which would reconvene a working group to address air and water contamination that may be putting residents and visitors in ‘Ewa Beach - including keiki - at risk of toxic lead exposure.

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Accordingly, I urge the Committee to pass HCR28/HR27.

Sincerely,
Samuel Lee

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 10:19:08 AM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Breanne Fong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

My name is Breanne Fong, and I **strongly support HCR28/HR27**, which would reconvene a working group to address air and water contamination that may be putting residents and visitors in 'Ewa Beach - including keiki - at risk of toxic lead exposure.

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Accordingly, I urge the Committee to **PASS HCR28/HR27**.

Sincerely,
Breanne Fong

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

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Accordingly, I urge the Committee to **PASS HCR28 HD1/HR27 HD1**.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


Marshall Hung

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 11:43:24 AM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tuyet Nguyen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 11:29:00 AM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keili McEvelly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

My name is Ke‘ili McEvelly and I am a concerned kanaka maoli, living here in O‘ahu, testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HCR28/HR27, to protect our families and keiki from the generational and irreversible impacts of lead exposure, in the parks, neighborhoods, and ocean waters surrounding the Pu‘uloa Range Training Facility.

I love to fish, dive and play in the beautiful beaches of ‘ewa. I hope my children will be able to have the same opportunity. That will only be possible if it remains clean and safe. That will only be possible if you decide to support this bill.

I strongly believe we must do what we can to protect our children and future generations from known threats of harm. Please, give the community a chance to address the issue of lead contamination, and prevent the lifelong harms that may be inflicted upon the residents and visitors of ‘Ewa Beach - including unborn children, infants, keiki, and others - from lead exposure, by passing this resolution.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of this matter.

Me ke aloha,

Ke‘ili

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 12:17:20 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samantha Nelson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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*Accordingly, I urge the Committee to **PASS HCR28 HD1/HR27 HD1.***

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 1:13:15 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

Don't abandon the people and the 'aina! Please support this measure to continue a working group dedicated to addressing the high levels of lead contamination found in the sand, fish, and homes surrounding the Pu'uloa firing range.

mahalo,

Cory

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 1:14:15 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janice Toma Shiira	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support HCR28

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 11:59:36 AM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathleen K. Raskowsky	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support bill HCR28 HD1 and the continued efforts dealing with the contaminate of water and air.

Mahalo

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 12:44:17 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jared London	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this bill

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 1:56:55 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Schuyler Cole	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill to hold those responsible for degrading the environment to be held responsible for remediating the destruction to the water table/environment/coastal environments.

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 2:08:27 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Denise Boisvert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I FULLY SUPPORT these resolutions.

Let's "get the lead out" and quickly pass both of them!

(pun intended :)

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 2:11:56 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Jorgensen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I FULLY SUPPORT THESE RESOLUTIONS. PLEASE PASS THEM.

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 2:22:19 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
emily gambino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

My name is Emily Gambino and I **strongly support HCR28/HR27**, which would reconvene a working group to address air and water contamination that may be putting residents and visitors in ‘Ewa Beach - including keiki - at risk of toxic lead exposure.

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Accordingly, I urge the Committee to **PASS HCR28/HR27**.

Sincerely,
Emily Gambino

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 4:21:13 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kylie Hopkins	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kylie Hopkins and I **strongly support HCR28 HD1/HR27 HD1**, which would reconvene a working group to address air and water contamination that may be putting residents and visitors in 'Ewa Beach - including keiki - at risk of toxic lead exposure.

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Accordingly, I urge the Committee to **PASS HCR28 HD1/HR27 HD1**.

Kylie Hopkins

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 9:56:20 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Moore	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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*Accordingly, I urge the Committee to **PASS HCR28 HD1/HR27 HD1.***

Thank you,
Sarah Moore
Mother, Community Member, Voter

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 10:16:32 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Roslyn Cummings	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Submitted under Exclusive Equity Jurisdiction

Ko Hawai‘i Pae ‘Āina — Kingdom of the Hawaiian Islands

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection,

My name is Roslyn Cummings, ho‘oilina/GodTrust, and I submit this testimony in full support of HCR28 and HR27.

As a lawful heir (ho‘oilina) and native tenant (hoa‘āina) under the unrepealed laws of the Hawaiian Kingdom, I assert this testimony under exclusive equity jurisdiction as recognized by customary international law, the law of nations, and Hawaiian Kingdom case law. I speak not just as a concerned individual, but as a steward of creation (mālama) entrusted by Ke Akua with sacred kuleana over l ‘āina and wai of this pae ‘āina.

This matter is not just environmental—it is spiritual, legal, and generational. I come bearing a divine message received in prayer and confirmed through signs:

“Tell them not to sell it. It’s worth more than gold. Guiltiness will get them in the end.”

This applies directly to the lands and waters of Pu‘uloa. This wahi pana, desecrated by military contamination, remains a spiritual and ancestral body—a living being of divine origin. Lead and

toxic waste from the Pu‘uloa Range Training Facility (PRTF) are not merely pollutants—they are kālepa hala, trades of sacred for disposable, of mana for militarization. These acts violate the covenant between kānaka and ‘āina.

Soil testing already shows lead contamination leaching toward public beaches and residential areas, placing keiki, kai, and marine life at irreversible risk. The refusal by Marine Corps Base Hawai‘i to take further action, despite Department of Health urging and their own findings, constitutes gross negligence and a breach of fiduciary trust under both Kingdom and natural law.

The failure to convene the 2024 working group, despite its legal mandate, further reveals a pattern of willful omission and institutional guilt, as prophesied:

“Guiltiness will get them in the end.”

By reconvening this group, HCR28 and HR27 may begin to restore the broken kuleana and address a grave breach of public trust. But beyond policy, let it be known: this is a matter of eternal law, and what is done in silence will not go unanswered.

Let us not sell our future for the convenience of now.

Let us not trade sacred ‘āina for foreign militarization.

Let us not forget the covenant of water, land, and blood.

Accordingly, I urge this Committee to pass HCR28 and HR27, and to recognize that Pu‘uloa is not for sale, not for desecration, and not to be forgotten.

Its worth is greater than gold.

Its protection is divine duty.

With truth and prayer,

Roslyn Cummings

[Trustee: Mālama: GodTrust], ho‘oilina

Under Exclusive Equity Jurisdiction – Ko Hawai‘i Pae ‘Āina

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 11:19:11 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Valerie K Chun	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am an extremely concerned resident of Pu‘uloa, testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HCR28/HR27, to protect our families and keiki from the generational and irreversible impacts of lead exposure, in the parks, neighborhoods, and ocean waters surrounding the Pu‘uloa Range Training Facility. Our ‘ohana fish, surf, and swim in these waters and would greatly appreciate all that the legislature can do to prevent more pollution of our kai. The limu is almost non-existent and the fish are getting rare. Even so we are hesitant to eat fish on the rare occasion we do catch a fish not knowing the true amount of lead that is in the kai. Auwe, this is hewa and a sad situation for our mo‘opuna who will have to deal with a contaminated beach if we allow this to continue. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Mahalo piha!

HCR-28-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2025 9:09:32 AM

Testimony for EEP on 4/1/2025 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Madison Owens	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Accordingly, I urge the Committee to **PASS HCR28/HR27**.

Sincerely,
Madison Owens