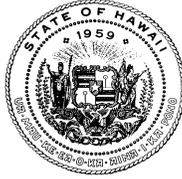


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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HR027,HD1
REQUESTING THE RECONVENING OF THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18, H.D.1 (REGULAR SESSION OF 2024) TO CONTINUE THE
EFFORTS TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO WATER AND AIR CONTAMINATION AND
REMEDATION ARISING FROM THE OPERATION OF THE PUULOA RANGE TRAINING FACILITY
REPRESENTATIVE NICOLE E. LOWEN, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Hearing Date, Time and Room Number: April 1, 2025, 10:45 am, Rm 325

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** This resolution may impact the priorities identified in the Governor's
- 2 Executive Budget Request for the Department of Health's (Department) appropriations and
- 3 personnel priorities.
- 4 **Department Position:** The Department of Health ("Department") supports HR027, HD1.
- 5 **Department Testimony:** The Environmental Health Administration, Hazard Evaluation and
- 6 Emergency Response (HEER) Office on behalf of the Department.
- 7 The Department is aware of the environmental concerns regarding the ongoing remediation
- 8 and operations of the Puuloa Range Training Facility and continues to work with the US Marine
- 9 Corp and provide comments on their plans to remediate the site.
- 10 The HEER Office is willing to work with the public and provide an understanding of the
- 11 Department's role in protecting human health and environment.
- 12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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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.

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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.

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

Mahalo,

Susan RobertsEmery
Green Party of Hawai'i
Paauilo



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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
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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**.

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Submitted on: 3/28/2025 2:41:55 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terri Yoshinaga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

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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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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:

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

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Mahalo nui for your consideration of this matter.

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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,

I am a concerned resident of Ewa Beach, 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 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.

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Submitted on: 3/29/2025 12:18:41 PM

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.

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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:

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,

Shay Chan Hodges

HR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2025 10:44:24 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jodi Rodar	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

My name is Jodi Rodar 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,

Dr. Jodi Rodar

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Submitted on: 3/29/2025 10:45:50 AM

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

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

Comments:

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

My name is Diane Ware 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**.

Malama pono,

Diane Ware

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Submitted on: 3/29/2025 11:00:35 AM

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

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/Afff 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.

HR-27-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.

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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

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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

HR-27-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:

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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.

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Sincerely,
Bo Breda

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Peter Wilson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Peter Wilson

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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.

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.

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.

HR-27-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

HR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 10:10:23 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.

HR-27-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.

HR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 7:44:35 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Reese Liggett	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

My name is William Reese Liggett 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.

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.

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

Sincerely,
William Reese Liggett

HR-27-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:

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

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.

The Pu'uloa Range Training Facility (PRTF) poses significant potential 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, and additional testing has indicated that lead from PRTF may be impacting nearshore waters and marine life, as well as nearby homes and schools through airborne dispersion.

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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 HD1 and HR27 HD1 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 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
Kanaka Maoli/Lineal Descendant of the Hawaiian Kingdom

HR-27-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:

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

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The Pu'uloa Range Training Facility (PRTF) poses significant potential 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, and additional testing has indicated that lead from PRTF may be impacting nearshore waters and marine life, as well as nearby homes and schools through airborne dispersion.

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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 HD1 and HR27 HD1 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 HD1/HR27 HD1**.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

HR-27-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.

HR-27-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.

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.

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

Sincerely,
Samuel Lee

HR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 10:19:42 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.

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.

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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,
Breanne Fong

HR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 7:43:01 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

My name is Dr. Benton Pang, a lifelong resident of Hawai‘i, a biologist with over three decades of experience in environmental protection, and a community member deeply concerned about the health of our keiki and our ecosystems. I write in **strong support** of HCR28 HD1/HR27 HD1.

The findings of lead contamination around the Pu‘uloa Range Training Facility in ‘Ewa Beach are alarming. Elevated lead levels in sand, soil, marine life, and even in homes and schools demand an immediate and coordinated response. As a scientist and public servant, I find it unacceptable that the previously formed working group has yet to convene. We cannot afford further delay.

This resolution provides an opportunity to finally bring together government agencies, environmental and health experts, and community voices to assess the impacts, initiate remediation, and restore trust in the health and safety of our public spaces. Our keiki deserve to grow up in clean, healthy environments, not next to firing ranges leaching heavy metals into their backyards.

Please pass this resolution to ensure a transparent, science-based, and community-informed process to address this pressing issue.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.

HR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2025 11:52:35 AM

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

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

Comments:

ALOHA,

I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE RECONVENING OF A WORK GROUP TO CONTINUE THE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO WATER AND AIR CONTAMINATION AND REMEDIATION AT PUULOA RANGE TRAINING FACILITY.

WATER IS LIFE! WE MUST DO ALL WE CAN TO PROTECT AND MAINTAIN HEALTHY BODIES OF WATER FOR OUR PEOPLE. HEALTHY BODIES OF WATER PROVIDE A PLACE FOR OUR KEIKI & FAMILIES TO ENJOY, FRESH CLEAN WATER FOR NATIVE ANIMALS & HEALTHY DRINKING WATER FOR US ALL.

I RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION.

MAHALO,

LAURA

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Michael Plowman
‘Ewa Neighborhood Board
Military Affairs Committee Chair
KoleaPalms@gmail.com

March 31, 2025

The Honorable Nicole Lowen
Chair, House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

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

I am writing in **strong support of HR27/HCR28** which urges the Department of Health to reconvene the working group established pursuant to House Resolution No. 18, H.D. 1 (2024), to continue addressing the critical issues of water and air contamination and remediation stemming from the operation of the Pu‘uloa Range Training Facility (PRTF) in ‘Ewa Beach, Oahu.

As documented in House Concurrent Resolution No. 22 (2024), the PRTF, a century-old Marine Corps shooting range, 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 by the Surfrider Foundation in 2022 revealed elevated lead levels on the beach side of the facility, raising concerns about leaching into the ocean, contamination of nearshore coral reefs and marine life, and airborne dispersion into nearby communities. The 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, and substantial challenges remain unresolved.

Further evidence of the ongoing crisis is detailed in a November 15, 2023, letter from ‘Ewa Neighborhood Board members Liam Chinn and Alexander Gaos to Congressman Ed Case. The letter highlights deficiencies in the Marine Corps Base Hawaii’s (MCBH) Sampling and Analysis Plan, including the refusal to test lead contamination in downwind residential areas or the nearshore coral reef environment and sea life, inadequate monitoring frequency, and the lack of a comprehensive remediation strategy for the heavily contaminated Alpha and Bravo berms, which constitute 80% of the facility’s contaminated soil. These shortcomings underscore the need for continued oversight and action beyond the current working group’s term.

The Ewa Neighborhood Board, Hawaii State House, and Senate have all passed resolutions—specifically Ewa Neighborhood Board Resolution (March 29, 2023), House Resolution No. 104 (2023), and Senate Resolution S.R. No. S.D. 1 (2023)—deeming the Pu’uloa Range Training Facility incompatible with its surroundings and calling for the relocation of live fire training away from its current site. These resolutions highlight not only the environmental contamination but also the severe noise pollution, safety hazards from stray bullets, and disruption to community infrastructure, such as the closure of a tsunami evacuation route.

Until such time that live fire training can be permanently relocated, the full extent of contamination must be identified so proper remediation can be initiated to protect the health of residents, marine ecosystems, and future native Hawaiian families slated to reside in approximately 600 homes planned by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) adjacent to PRTF.

The health and safety of Ewa Beach residents, marine ecosystems, and public spaces like Pu’uloa Beach Park remain at risk without sustained collaboration among stakeholders, including the Department of Health, MCBH, community representatives, and environmental experts. HCR28 and HR27 would ensure the working group’s efforts persist, providing a framework for transparent, science-based solutions to this environmental and public health emergency.

I urge the committee to pass HCR28/HR27. This matter demands immediate attention to protect our community and environment from the long-term consequences of lead contamination and other hazards posed by PRTF.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

With Aloha,

Michael Plowman

‘Ewa Neighborhood Board Military Affairs Committee Chair

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

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.

The Pu'uloa Range Training Facility (PRTF) poses significant potential 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, and additional testing has indicated that lead from PRTF may be impacting nearshore waters and marine life, as well as nearby homes and schools through airborne dispersion.

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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 HD1 and HR27 HD1 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 HD1/HR27 HD1**.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


Marshall Hung

HR-27-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:

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

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**.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

HR-27-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.

HR-27-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

HR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 1:15:04 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 HR27

HR-27-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.

HR-27-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 :)

HR-27-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.

HR-27-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.

The Pu'uloa Range Training Facility (PRTF) poses significant potential 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, and additional testing has indicated that lead from PRTF may be impacting nearshore waters and marine life, as well as nearby homes and schools through airborne dispersion.

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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 HD1 and HR27 HD1 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 HD1/HR27 HD1**.

Kylie Hopkins

HR-27-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

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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

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Valerie K Chun	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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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!