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**LATE**

**Testimony COMMENTING on SB0639  
RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS.**

SENATOR JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

January 31, 2025, 1:00 PM, Room Number: 225

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Undetermined.

2 **Department Position:** The Department of Health (“Department”) offers comments to this  
3 measure.

4 **Department Testimony:** The Department’s Environmental Management Division, Solid and  
5 Hazardous Waste Branch (EMD-SHWB) offers testimony on behalf of the Department.

6 The Department acknowledges the long-term intent of this measure is to “fully restore  
7 the environment, including drinking water and groundwater, after any release of jet fuel from  
8 an underground storage tank or tank system” (page 2, lines 1-4) and the requirement of  
9 “cleanup and total removal of all jet fuel, including jet fuel additives and all compounds  
10 resulting from the degradation of jet fuel or jet fuel additives, or the reaction of jet fuel or jet  
11 fuel additives with water or other chemicals” following a release from an underground storage  
12 tank system (page 3, lines 10-13, emphasis added).

13 The term “all” is ambiguous and the Department requests clarification of the definition  
14 of “all” as used in this measure. We seek clarification to obtain a quantitative standard as  
15 opposed to a qualitative standard.

1 **Offered Amendments:** None.

2 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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January 31, 2025

The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Health and Human Services  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 225  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Agriculture and Environment  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 225  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill 639: Relating to Underground Storage Tanks

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) strongly supports Senate Bill 639.

This measure clarifies the level of environmental restoration that owners and operators of underground storage tanks or tanks systems must satisfy in the event of a confirmed release of jet fuel. It specifies the restoration quality acceptable to the Department of Health (DOH) and defines the detection of any contaminants in the vicinity of an underground storage tank or tank system after a confirmed release is a result of the confirmed release.

The release of jet fuel and fire suppressant chemicals from the Red Hill bulk fuel facility have resulted in detecting chemical contaminants in local groundwater and drinking water sources. State and county agency officials and elected leaders on Red Hill, and the Water Alliance Initiative emphasize this contamination must not be present in our water resources and be fully remediated. This bill requires the total removal of all jet fuel, fuel additives and related chemicals from the groundwater and drinking water sources acceptable to the DOH.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 639.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ernest Y. W. Lau', is written over a faint circular watermark.

ERNEST Y. W. LAU, P.E.  
Manager and Chief Engineer



# SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

January 31, 2025

1:00 PM

Conference Room 225

### In **SUPPORT** of **SB639: Relating to Underground Storage Tanks**

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Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Richards, and Committee Members,

On behalf of our over 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB639**, which sets the common sense expectation and legal standard – endorsed by the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative (WAI) – that jet fuel released into the environment from an underground storage tank facility should be fully remediated.

Despite the decades of contamination of 'āina and wai from jet fuel, including and particularly with respect to the fuel released from the decrepit, WWII-era Red Hill Bulk Fuel Underground Storage Tank Facility, we still have no clear, legal standard for jet fuel remediation. Notably, it has been over three years since the Department of Health finally ordered the defueling of that facility, due to the contamination of our sole source aquifer and the poisoning of thousands of residents, yet the Department has failed to exercise its enforcement authorities to call for the full clean up of this latest release. Meanwhile, the Navy has provided no strategy or specific plans for the meaningful remediation of the mess it has inflicted upon us. It is far past time for the legislature to intervene and take a stand for our 'āina, wai, and people - including generations yet unborn who may otherwise inherit an aquifer that was contaminated on our generation's watch.

**To be clear: there should be no jet fuel in the precious, sacred, and pure (or once-pure) wai that our islands have blessed us with.** This bill would make this common sense expectation a legal standard for all underground storage tank jet fuel releases – including potential future releases, should the federal government reverse its decision to shut down the Red Hill Fuel Facility.

Accordingly, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i respectfully but strongly urges the Committees to **PASS** these measures. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.



## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB639, RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT  
JANUARY 31, 2025

Aloha Chair(s) San Buenaventura & Gabbard, Vice Chair(s) Aquino & Richards, and Members of the Health & Human Services and Agriculture & Environment committees:

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i **SUPPORTS** SB639, RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS. Pursuant to the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, the Party supports policies that strengthen environmental regulations to protect our air, water, and land.

Recognizing the critical need to address the contamination issues that still remain at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i supports this measure. The contamination incident on November 20, 2021, which affected 93,000 individuals and led to over 6,000 seeking medical attention, underscores the urgent need for the Department of Health to establish clear standards for cleaning and removing jet fuel in a comprehensive way. These standards will establish essential steps towards implementing the necessary remediation efforts and safeguarding the health and well-being of current and future generations.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify in Support of SB639, RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Democratic Party of Hawai'i at [legislation@hawaiidemocrats.org](mailto:legislation@hawaiidemocrats.org).



January 30, 2025

To: Chairs Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Ihara and Richards, and the Senate Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment

Subject: **SB639**, Relating to underground storage tanks

Aloha,

I am submitting testimony in strong support of **SB639**, which clarifies environmental restoration requirements for underground storage tanks following the release of jet fuel. This bill plays an important part in protecting Hawaii's food systems by ensuring the health and safety of our environment, directly relating to agriculture and local food production in numerous ways:

1. **Protecting water quality:** our agricultural industry relies on clean water for irrigation, livestock, and plant health. Any contamination of groundwater or soil, especially from jet fuel, pose a threat to farms. This bill ensures that when a contamination occurs, restoration will happen to remove said contamination, ensuring our water sources are safe.
2. **Prevention of long-term environmental damage:** jet fuel contamination can linger in soil and water for years, harming the environment. This bill ensures that if pollution is found after a leak, then the owner is responsible unless proven otherwise. This helps to speed up cleanup efforts which prevents long term damage to farmland and protects our ability to sustainably grow food.
3. **Support of sustainable farming practices:** by requiring thorough removal of contaminants and promoting environmental restoration, this helps maintain healthy ecosystems which are important for the longevity of farming practices. Clean natural resources are important for growing healthy and local food. As Hawaii's agriculture is important to food security, this bill supports preservation of our resources for future generations to access.

**SB639** is an important step towards protecting the environment and securing the future of our food systems. I respectfully urge the committees to pass this bill for the benefit of Hawaii's agriculture and food security.

Mahalo,

Jeanette Burdick & the Food+ Policy Team

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**The Food+ Policy internship** develops student advocates who learn work skills while increasing civic engagement to become emerging leaders. We focus on good food systems policy because we see the importance and potential of the food system in combating climate change and increasing the health, equity, and resiliency of Hawai'i communities.

In 2025, the cohort of interns are undergraduate and graduate students and young professionals working in the food system. They are a mix of traditional and nontraditional students, including parents and veterans, who have backgrounds in education, farming, public health, nutrition, and Hawaiian culture.



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# Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

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January 31, 2025

## Testimony in Support of SB639: Relating to Underground Storage Tanks

Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services and Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

We, Melodie Aduja and Alan Burdick, are testifying on behalf of the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii in strong support of SB639, which clarifies the level of environmental restoration that owners and operators of underground storage tanks or tank systems must satisfy in the event of a confirmed release of jet fuel. This bill specifies that the restoration condition and quality acceptable by the Department of Health shall include the complete removal of all jet fuel, including jet fuel additives and all compounds resulting from the degradation of jet fuel or jet fuel additives, or the reaction of jet fuel or jet fuel additives with water or other chemicals.

### Key Points of Support:

1. **Protecting Hawaii's Water Resources:** Hawaii is blessed with some of the purest water on Earth, and it is essential to protect this precious resource. SB639 ensures that any contamination of groundwater and drinking water sources with jet fuel is fully remediated, maintaining the purity and safety of our water supply.
2. **Environmental Restoration:** The bill establishes a rebuttable presumption that any detection of jet fuel contaminants in the vicinity of an underground storage tank or tank system after a confirmed release is a result of the confirmed release. This ensures that owners and operators are held accountable for restoring the environment to a condition and quality acceptable to the Department of Health.
3. **Public Health and Safety:** By requiring the complete removal of all jet fuel and related contaminants, SB639 protects public health and safety. Exposure to jet fuel and its additives can have serious health effects, and this bill ensures that our communities are not exposed to these harmful substances.
4. **Preventing Future Contamination:** SB639 sets a clear standard for environmental restoration, which will help prevent future contamination incidents. By holding owners and operators accountable for thorough cleanup, we can reduce the risk of environmental damage and protect our natural resources for future generations.

### **Examples of Harm Due to Jet Fuel Contamination:**

- a. Red Hill Fuel Storage Facility Leak:** The Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, operated by the U.S. Navy, has been a significant source of jet fuel contamination in Hawaii. In 2014, a fuel leak at the facility led to the contamination of the groundwater aquifer that supplies drinking water to Honolulu. The facility, which consists of 20 steel-lined underground storage tanks encased in concrete, can store up to 250 million gallons of fuel. The tanks are located just 100 feet above Oahu's main aquifer, which provides water to over three-fourths of the island.
  
- b.** In November 2021, a petroleum release from the Red Hill facility contaminated the Red Hill drinking water well, affecting approximately 93,000 U.S. Navy water system users. Residents reported petroleum odors coming from residential tap water and experienced health symptoms such as headaches, rashes, vomiting, dizziness, and breathing difficulties<sup>4</sup>. The contamination forced the Honolulu Board of Water Supply to shut down adjacent municipal wells, including its major Hālawā shaft, plunging O‘ahu into a water crisis. The Navy is required to continue testing the impacted drinking water area for two years and continue work to clean up

In conclusion, the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii strongly supports SB639 and urges the committee to pass this important legislation. By clarifying the level of environmental restoration required for underground storage tank releases, we can ensure a healthier and safer future for all residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this critical bill.

Sincerely,

Melodie Aduja and Alan Burdick  
Co-chairs, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 1:30:03 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lynette Cruz	Testifying for Malama Makua	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong support for SB 639. Restoration conditions mandated by the DOH on behalf of the public should be at the highest level.

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 7:10:42 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice-Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment,

My name is Nanea Lo, and I **STRONGLY SUPPORT SB639**, which mandates the complete cleanup of jet fuel—along with its additives and breakdown compounds—when released into the environment from an underground storage tank facility.

It has been well over three years since the catastrophic fuel release from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility poisoned O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer and thousands of residents. Nearly two years have passed since the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for full remediation of this contamination. And yet, the Hawai‘i Department of Health has yet to establish clear remediation standards for jet fuel.

This bill is a necessary and urgent step toward protecting our water and our people. It establishes a **clear legal standard**—one that the federal government must follow: **NO jet fuel should be in our drinking water or our environment.** The reckless mismanagement of the Red Hill facility has already inflicted irreversible harm on our community, and we cannot afford further delays or loopholes that allow contamination to persist.

I urge you to **PASS SB639** and ensure full accountability for the cleanup of Red Hill. Our water is sacred. Our future depends on it.

**Me ke aloha ‘āina,  
Nanea Lo  
Mō‘ili‘ili, HI 96826  
Executive Director, Native Stories  
Board Member, Hawai‘i Workers Center  
Kanaka Maoli / Lineal Descendant of the Hawaiian Kingdom**

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 11:50:20 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
HCN Warrington	Testifying for Kupuna for the Moopuna	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kupuna for the Moopuna is in **SUPPORT of SB639.**

SB639 would make clear that the people expect no less than the full cleanup of jet fuel that is released from underground storage tank facilities, including Red Hill, without waiting for the Department of Health to act.

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 7:31:14 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Susan B Roberts Emery	Testifying for Green Party of Hawai'i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice-Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment,

The Green Party of Hawai'i strongly **SUPPORTS SB639**, which makes clear that any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility - must be completely cleaned up.

Well over three years after the last of many, many jet fuel releases from the Red Hill Facility - one that poisoned our sole source aquifer and thousands of residents - and nearly two years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, there are still no clear remediation standards for jet fuel established by the Hawai'i Department of Health.

This bill would finally establish a common sense legal standard that will also be binding on the federal government: there should be NO jet fuel in our precious and once-pure drinking water or in our environment, especially when it has been released by the reckless operation of a decrepit underground storage tank facility as in the case with Red Hill. Let us be on the right side of History.

Green Party of Hawai'i urges you to **PASS SB639**.

**Mahalo Nui**

**Green Party of Hawai'i**

**Susan RobertsEmery**

**Co chair GPH**

**Paauiilo**



To: The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services (HHS)  
and  
The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment (AEN)  
From: Sherry Pollack, Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org  
Date: Friday, January 31, 2025, 1pm

**In strong support of SB639**

Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Aquino and Richards and members of the HHS and AEN committees,

I am Co-Founder of the Hawaii chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. 350Hawaii.org is in **strong support** of this measure which clarifies the level of environmental restoration that owners and operators of underground storage tanks or tank systems must satisfy in the event of a confirmed release of jet fuel. This measure further specifies the restoration condition and quality acceptable by the Department of Health shall include the **complete removal of all jet fuel, including jet fuel additives and all compounds resulting from the degradation of jet fuel or jet fuel additives, or the reaction of jet fuel or jet fuel additives with water or other chemicals**. SB639 also establishes a rebuttable presumption that any detection of these contaminants in the vicinity of an underground storage tank or a tank system after a confirmed release is a result of the confirmed release.

Passage of this measure is essential as it would finally establish a common-sense legal standard that will also be binding on the federal government. Hawaii **had** been blessed with some of the purest water on Earth, until the Navy, by their criminal recklessness and negligence, contaminated our sole source aquifer with jet fuel, PFAS, simple green, and we don't know what else. Bottom line: there should be NO jet fuel or any other contaminant in our precious drinking water or in our environment. Period.

Hawaii's drinking water supply was already at risk because of climate change. All the more reason to ensure we take great care in protecting our aquifer, keeping it safe for current and future generations. We welcome legislation that will lead to the complete and full remediation of our aquifer. Nothing less should be acceptable.

We urge you to **PASS SB639**.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this very important bill.  
Sherry Pollack  
Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/30/2025 10:58:45 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jamie Simic	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

My name is Jamie Simic and I am an affected family member of Red Hill for too many years that all suffers the medical consequences and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB639, which makes clear that any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility - must be completely cleaned up.

Well over three years after the last of many, many jet fuel releases from the Red Hill Facility - one that poisoned our sole source aquifer and thousands of residents - and nearly two years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, there are still no clear remediation standards for jet fuel established by the Hawai'i Department of Health.

This bill would finally establish a common sense legal standard that will also be binding on the federal government: there should be NO jet fuel in our precious and once-pure drinking water or in our environment, especially when it has been released by the reckless operation of a decrepit underground storage tank facility as in the case with Red Hill.

I urge you to PASS SB639.

Sincerely,

Jamie Simic

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 5:28:15 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jacqueline S. Ambrose	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

YES to- Clarifies the level of environmental restoration that owners and operators of underground storage tanks or tank systems must satisfy in the event of a confirmed release of jet fuel. Specifies the restoration condition and quality acceptable by the Department of Health shall include the complete removal of all jet fuel, including jet fuel additives and all compounds resulting from the degradation of jet fuel or jet fuel additives, or the reaction of jet fuel or jet fuel additives with water or other chemicals. Establishes a rebuttable presumption that any detection of these contaminants in the vicinity of an underground storage tank or a tank system after a confirmed release is a result of the confirmed release

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 11:02:55 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Linda Lyerly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this bill 639. Mahalo nui for popportunity to weigh in.

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 11:41:37 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
tia pearson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Four years after the horrifying contamination of O‘ahu’s ‘āina and wai - and the poisoning of thousands of residents - with jet fuel released from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, there is still no clear enforceable standard for remediation from the Hawai‘i Department of Health. This bill would make clear that we expect no less than the full cleanup of jet fuel that is released from underground storage tank facilities, including Red Hill, without waiting for the Department of Health to act.

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 12:47:37 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaleiheana-a-Pohaku Stormcrow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice-Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment,

My name is Kaleiheana Stormcrow and **I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB639**, which makes clear that any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility - must be completely cleaned up.

Well over three years after the last of many, many jet fuel releases from the Red Hill Facility - one that poisoned our sole source aquifer and thousands of residents - and nearly two years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, there are still no clear remediation standards for jet fuel established by the Hawai'i Department of Health.

This bill would finally establish a common sense legal standard that will also be binding on the federal government: there should be NO jet fuel in our precious and once-pure drinking water or in our environment, especially when it has been released by the reckless operation of a decrepit underground storage tank facility as in the case with Red Hill.

I urge you to **PASS SB639**.

Sincerely,  
Kaleiheana Stormcrow

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 12:51:59 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Peter Wilson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice-Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment,

My name is Peter Wilson and **I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB639**, which makes clear that any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility - must be completely cleaned up.

Well over three years after the last of many, many jet fuel releases from the Red Hill Facility - one that poisoned our sole source aquifer and thousands of residents - and nearly two years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, there are still no clear remediation standards for jet fuel established by the Hawai'i Department of Health.

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I urge you to **PASS SB639**.

Sincerely,  
Peter Wilson

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 12:48:39 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice-Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment,

My name is Bo Breda and **I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB639**, which makes clear that any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility - must be completely cleaned up.

Well over three years after the last of many, many jet fuel releases from the Red Hill Facility - one that poisoned our sole source aquifer and thousands of residents - and nearly two years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, there are still no clear remediation standards for jet fuel established by the Hawai'i Department of Health.

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I urge you to **PASS SB639**.

Sincerely,  
Bo Breda

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 1:14:14 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support the requirements of complete clean up of jet fuel including fuel additives.

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 2:33:24 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Matthew Gurewitsch	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice-Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment,

My name is Matthew Gurewitsch and **I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB639**, which makes clear that any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility - must be completely cleaned up. *Is this a no-brainer, or what???*

Well over three years after the last of many, many jet fuel releases from the Red Hill Facility - one that poisoned our sole source aquifer and thousands of residents - and nearly two years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, there are still no clear remediation standards for jet fuel established by the Hawai'i Department of Health.

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I urge you to **PASS SB639**.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Gurewitsch

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 3:07:32 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andrew Grandinetti	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice-Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment,

My name is Andrew Grandinetti] and **I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB639**, which makes clear that any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility - must be completely cleaned up.

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I urge you to **PASS SB639**.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Grandinetti, PhD

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 4:24:43 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Stephen Canham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Stephen Canham, I live in Kaneohe, and I strongly support HB969 which would prohibit the construction, modification, or expansion of waste and disposal facilities on land above significant aquifers.

This bill is crucial for protecting our vital groundwater resources. Our aquifers are irreplaceable sources of freshwater that sustain our communities and ‘āina. Once contaminated, these water sources can be permanently damaged, putting public health and our environment at risk.

Protecting our water is about protecting our health, our environment, and the future of everyone who calls Hawai‘i home.

I urge you to **PASS HB969**.

**Yours**

**Stephen Canham, PhD**

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 5:07:08 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Noel Shaw	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Follow through and protect our water. No more jet fuel in our water, no more military threats to our most vital resources. Ola i ka wai!

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 5:40:04 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
ANDREW ISODA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice-Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment,

My name is Andrew Isoda and **I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB639**, which makes clear that any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility - must be completely cleaned up.

Well over three years after the last of many, many jet fuel releases from the Red Hill Facility - one that poisoned our sole source aquifer and thousands of residents - and nearly two years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, there are still no clear remediation standards for jet fuel established by the Hawai'i Department of Health.

This bill would finally establish a common sense legal standard that will also be binding on the federal government: there should be NO jet fuel in our precious and once-pure drinking water or in our environment, especially when it has been released by the reckless operation of a decrepit underground storage tank facility as in the case with Red Hill.

I urge you to **PASS SB639**.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Isoda  
Lahaina, Mau'i

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 5:58:11 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Deborah Pence	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

pass SB639 .

sincerely, Deborah Pence

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/30/2025 7:15:45 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nara Takakawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice-Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment,*

***My name is Nara Takakawa and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB639, which makes clear that any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility - must be completely cleaned up.***

*Well over three years after the last of many, many jet fuel releases from the Red Hill Facility - one that poisoned our sole source aquifer and thousands of residents - and nearly two years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, there are still no clear remediation standards for jet fuel established by the Hawai'i Department of Health.*

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***I urge you to PASS SB639.***

*Sincerely,  
Nara Takakawa*

Meredith Wilson  
Hawaii State Legislature Written Testimony – 1/30/25  
In Support of SB639

Aloha Chairs & Members of Committees on Health and Human Services & Agriculture and Environment,

My name is Meredith Wilson and I am in full support of SB639, which requires Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) – especially the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility – to completely remediate releases of jet fuel including fuel additives and degradation byproducts of fuel from the environment.

There are such arbitrary current guidelines from the Department of Health for saying how much jet fuel, or further recognized as Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPHs), is allowable in the 'āina and drinking water systems for the public to truly feel safe. We cannot settle for knowingly allowing any level of these harmful chemicals to exist anywhere close to our wai.

The state must utilize any and all measures to keep entities, including the federal government, from continuing their apathy in poor UST management as is the case with Red Hill.

While living on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam through the Red Hill Water Crisis, I experienced first-hand real, human health effects due to the poisoning of our precious sole source aquifer and furthermore drinking water system that was supposed to be clean. No person should have to navigate living in a world tainted by fuel that should be in jets, not our bloodstream.

Please pass SB639 as we need full support in keeping these entities accountable for their harm.

Mahalo,  
-Meredith Wilson

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/30/2025 1:44:35 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynda Nishihara	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice-Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment,*

*My name is Lynda Nishihara and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB639, which makes clear that any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility - must be completely cleaned up.*

*Well over three years after the last of many, many jet fuel releases from the Red Hill Facility - one that poisoned our sole source aquifer and thousands of residents - and nearly two years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, there are still no clear remediation standards for jet fuel established by the Hawai'i Department of Health.*

*This bill would finally establish a common sense legal standard that will also be binding on the federal government: there should be NO jet fuel in our precious and once-pure drinking water or in our environment, especially when it has been released by the reckless operation of a decrepit underground storage tank facility as in the case with Red Hill.*

*I urge you to PASS SB639.*

*Sincerely,*

*Lynda Nishihara*

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 11:18:38 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

*Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice-Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment,*

*My name is Sarah Moore and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB639, which makes clear that any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility - must be completely cleaned up.*

*Well over three years after the last of many, many jet fuel releases from the Red Hill Facility - one that poisoned our sole source aquifer and thousands of residents - and nearly two years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, there are still no clear remediation standards for jet fuel established by the Hawai'i Department of Health.*

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*I urge you to **PASS SB639.***

*Sincerely,*

*Sarah Christine Moore*



**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 10:32:52 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Aiko Yamashiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support the beautiful and clear statement in this bill: there should be no acceptable level of jet fuel in the State's precious and otherwise pure wai. I applaud the Legislature for standing up for the genuine security of all of the people, animals, and plants of Hawai'i, by protecting our water, and not compromising on this point.

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 9:41:45 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ashley Nishihara	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice-Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment,*

*My name is Ashley Nishihara and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB639, which makes clear that any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility - must be completely cleaned up.*

*Well over three years after the last of many, many jet fuel releases from the Red Hill Facility - one that poisoned our sole source aquifer and thousands of residents - and nearly two years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, there are still no clear remediation standards for jet fuel established by the Hawai'i Department of Health.*

*This bill would finally establish a common sense legal standard that will also be binding on the federal government: there should be NO jet fuel in our precious and once-pure drinking water or in our environment, especially when it has been released by the reckless operation of a decrepit underground storage tank facility as in the case with Red Hill.*

*I urge you to PASS SB639.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ashley Nishihara*



**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 8:16:35 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

*Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice-Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment,*

*My name is Diane Ware and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB639, which makes clear that any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility - must be completely cleaned up.*

*Well over three years after the last of many, many jet fuel releases from the Red Hill Facility - one that poisoned our sole source aquifer and thousands of residents - and nearly two years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, there are still no clear remediation standards for jet fuel established by the Hawai'i Department of Health.*

*This bill would finally establish a common sense legal standard that will also be binding on the federal government: there should be NO jet fuel in our precious and once-pure drinking water or in our environment, especially when it has been released by the reckless operation of a decrepit underground storage tank facility as in the case with Red Hill.*

*I urge you to PASS SB639.*

*Sincerely,  
Diane Ware*

*Volcano HI moku o Ka'u*

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 7:58:40 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Patrice Choy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I strongly support SB639.**

Every drop of jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system-such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility- must be completely cleaned up.

Please pass SB639.

Mahalo.

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 7:41:42 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lei Fisher	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice-Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment,

I am a Native Hawaiian and lifelong resident of O'ahu. My grandparents were both federal workers at Pearl Harbor, lived in 'Aiea closeby to Red Hill, and I grew up and went to school there as well.

**I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB639**, which makes clear that any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility - must be completely cleaned up.

Well over three years after the last of many, many jet fuel releases from the Red Hill Facility - one that poisoned our sole source aquifer and thousands of residents - and nearly two years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, there are still no clear remediation standards for jet fuel established by the Hawai'i Department of Health.

This bill would finally establish a common sense legal standard that will also be binding on the federal government: there should be **NO** jet fuel in our precious and once-pure drinking water or in our environment, especially when it has been released by the reckless operation of a decrepit underground storage tank facility as in the case with Red Hill.

I urge you to **PASS** SB639.

Mahalo nui loa,

Lei Fisher

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 7:29:35 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

*Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice-Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment,*

*My name is Madison Owens and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB639, which makes clear that any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility - must be completely cleaned up.*

*Well over three years after the last of many, many jet fuel releases from the Red Hill Facility - one that poisoned our sole source aquifer and thousands of residents - and nearly two years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, there are still no clear remediation standards for jet fuel established by the Hawai'i Department of Health.*

*This bill would finally establish a common sense legal standard that will also be binding on the federal government: there should be NO jet fuel in our precious and once-pure drinking water or in our environment, especially when it has been released by the reckless operation of a decrepit underground storage tank facility as in the case with Red Hill.*

*I urge you to **PASS SB639.***

*Sincerely,*

*Madison Owens*

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 6:51:43 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kim Jorgensen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo for this opportunity to SUPPORT SB639.

The time has come for the Navy to completely shut down Red Hill and to clean up their disastrous mess.

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 6:47:22 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Denise Boisvert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully SUPPORT SB639.

Too many decades filled with the Navy's lies and coverups about leaks and spills have gone by to not finally have a required cleanup etched into law.

Mahalo.

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/30/2025 11:28:43 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
lois berger	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Sa Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice-Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment.

My name is Lois Berger, and **I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB639**, which makes clear that any jet fuel release from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility - must be completely cleaned up, including most especially under the tanks !

Well over three years after the last of many, many jet fuel releases - one that poisoned our sole source aquifer and thousands of residents - and nearly two years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, there are still no clear remediation standards for jet fuel established by the Hawaii Department of Health.

This bill would finally establish a common sense legal standard that will also be binding on the federal government: there should be **NO** jet fuel in our precious and once-pure drinking water or in our environment, especially when it has been released by the reckless operation of a decrepit underground storage tank facility as in the case with Red Hill.

This is our State and we need to protect our resources rather than rely on the federal government to do the right thing, this is our responsibility to ensure the proper handling and restoration of any damaged resource, and it must start first from the top State governing body down and not departmental agencies.

I urge you to **PASS SB639**.

**Sincerely**

**Lois Berger**

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/30/2025 10:45:58 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rosalie Luo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice-Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment,

My name is Rosalie Luo, and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB639, which ensures that any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system—such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility—must be fully and completely cleaned up.

It has been over three years since the catastrophic jet fuel leak at Red Hill poisoned Hawai‘i’s sole-source aquifer and sickened thousands of residents. Nearly two years have passed since the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for full remediation. Yet, despite these urgent calls, the Hawai‘i Department of Health has still not established clear remediation standards for jet fuel contamination. To those worried about the health and safety of our precious water resources, this is gravely concerning.

This bill is a necessary and long-overdue step to protect our drinking water and environment. It sets a definitive legal standard, one that ensures accountability and compels the federal government to act. There should be absolutely NO jet fuel in our drinking water—no exceptions, no loopholes, and no delays in cleanup. The people of Hawai‘i deserve clean, safe water, free from the unfortunate pattern of negligence and failures that have defined the Red Hill disaster.

I urge you to PASS SB639 and ensure that our state enforces the highest possible standards for environmental and public health protection. Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Rosalie Luo

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/30/2025 9:41:11 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kari Goodbar	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a resident of Mānoa valley and I support this bill.



**Church  
of the  
Crossroads**  
United Church of Christ



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## ***A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Congregation***

### **THE CHURCH OF THE CROSSROADS TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL SB 639**

*The Church of the Crossroads celebrates 100 years of being Hawaii's first intentionally multiethnic church, dedicated to missions of peace, justice, and stewardship of the environment.*

#### **The Church of the Crossroads supports SB 639.**

In January 2025, our church congregation unanimously voted to advocate for legislation addressing the fuel leaks at Red Hill. We strongly support SB639, which mandates that responsible parties ensure clean up and total removal of all jet fuel released from underground storage tanks and tank systems such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

More than three years have passed since the last of many jet fuel leaks at the Red Hill Facility, leaks that contaminated our sole source aquifer and harmed thousands of residents. Nearly two years have also passed since the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for a complete cleanup of this contamination. Yet, the Hawai'i Department of Health has still not established clear remediation standards for jet fuel leaks and spills. This bill would create a reasonable and common-sense legal standard for all parties, including the federal government.

There should be no jet fuel in our drinking water or in the environment, particularly after the experience of fuel leaks from underground storage tank facility at Red Hill which contaminated our aquifers and poisoned our fresh water supply on Oahu.

In sum, we urge you to PASS SB639.

Thank you for consideration of our testimony.

Submitted by Madison Owens and Ehito Kimura on behalf of the Church of the Crossroads

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**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/30/2025 3:13:11 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Hideki Kimukai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice-Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment,

My name is Hideki Kimukai and **I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB639**, which makes clear that any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility - must be completely cleaned up.

Well over three years after the last of many, many jet fuel releases from the Red Hill Facility - one that poisoned our sole source aquifer and thousands of residents - and nearly two years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, there are still no clear remediation standards for jet fuel established by the Hawai'i Department of Health.

This bill would finally establish a common sense legal standard that will also be binding on the federal government: there should be NO jet fuel in our precious and once-pure drinking water or in our environment, especially when it has been released by the reckless operation of a decrepit underground storage tank facility as in the case with Red Hill.

I urge you to **PASS SB639**.

Sincerely,

Hideki Kimukai

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**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/30/2025 10:10:26 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kimmer "Nahonu" Horsen (Bighorse)	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

I support SB639, because all storage tanks must comply with Department of Health standards and inspections and in congruence with the environmental protection agency.

As we are all aware, the current Red Hill jet fuel storage tanks are currently contaminated, insufficient constructively for proper use. They are located above three significant aquifer wells that have already been leaked into with jet fuel. Our current military personnel and local families have all been detrimentally effected. We risk the most essential source of life on Oahu, our water supply. I would further ask that any and all jet fuel, fossil fuel or oil not be stored in bulk at all anywhere on Oahu. With 1.4 million residents and tourists visiting yearly, there must be population regulation and the protection of our most valuable wealth, fresh water.

Not only we deoend on it our environment depends on it as well. The westside of Oahu is in a severe drought and cannot afford another fuel leak like Iroquois Point was water lines were contaminated. athe Lineup Wai Kai is also a waste of fresh water for recreational purposes just like all of our golf courses and football fields. We simply cannot afford to NOT regulate more man made destructive developments on our aina, kai, kane and fresh air and allow millions of people to bring their waste and pollution to these islands as well for profit. It is unsustainable.

Mahalo nui and Aloha aina always,

Kimmer "Nahonu" Horsen, Bighorse

**LATE**

**SB-639**

Submitted on: 1/30/2025 5:40:40 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Koster	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My family **STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB639**, which makes clear that any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system (Red Hill) must be completely cleaned up. It's sad that we even have to fight for such a basic requirement. Enough said; Please do the right thing.