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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Monday, March 24, 2025
3:05 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR148/SR119

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

SR-119

Submitted on: 3/22/2025 12:29:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/24/2025 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ann Chung	Testifying for Pacific Marine/Pacific Shipyards International	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha Chair & Committee members:

We strongly support SCR148 and strongly believe that the construction of a new floating drydock at Pearl Harbor would be an enormous benefit to the nation and to our state. It will also create significant economic benefits for Hawaii with skilled jobs and strengthen our maritime & defense industries.

Please support and pass this important resolution.

Mahalo,

Ann Chung

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Submitted on: 3/23/2025 10:45:41 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/24/2025 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Iain Wood	Testifying for Pacific Shipyards International (PSI)	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am submitting my testimony of strong support for the resolution supporting the construction of a floating dry dock for Pearl Harbor.

The addition of a floating dry dock at Pearl Harbor is a critical component to ensuring fleet readiness by increasing Hawaii based surface and submarine fleet maintenance capacity and capability in support of Indo-Pacific Command strategic objectives.



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 148 / SR 119
STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLOATING DRYDOCK AT PEARL HARBOR.**

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

Monday, March 24, 2025 at 3:05 PM
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
415 South Beretania Street

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

The Hawaii Military Affairs Council ("MAC") **supports** SCR 148 / SR 119 which supports the construction of a floating drydock at Pearl Harbor.

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

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

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

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support.

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Submitted on: 3/21/2025 2:06:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/24/2025 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SCR148. Please pass this resolution.

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Submitted on: 3/22/2025 12:52:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/24/2025 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gary Johnson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this resolution which will send a very strong reinforcement message to the navy, create jobs & grow Hawaii's ship repair industry.

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Submitted on: 3/23/2025 5:56:06 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/24/2025 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bill Clifford	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this resolution which is vital in supporting the Navy, the home-ported surface vessels, the ship repair industry and the thousands of employees engaged in this critical industry. It will create jobs, increase sales in Hawaii and help grow the industry.

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Submitted on: 3/24/2025 7:13:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/24/2025 3:05:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ken Loui	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this resolution which will benefit the State of Hawaii and our country by improving national security, creating jobs & growing Hawaii's ship repair industry."