

Testimony Submitted to the House Committee on Veterans, Military and International Affairs, and Culture

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Support for HCR 205/HR 133 Urging the United States Military to Detect and Avoid Harm to Animals and Marine Life Near the Pacific Missile Range Facility

Chair Ito, Vice Chair Tokioka, and Members of the Committee,

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports HCR 205 and HR 133 Urging the United States Military to Detect and Avoid Harm to Animals and Marine Life Near the Pacific Missile Range Facility.

The U.S. Navy and other branches of the U.S. and foreign military need to do a better job avoiding harm to marine life during training activities. Litigation initiated by citizen organizations has often been necessary to enforce laws relating to wildlife protection and environmental impact statements.

Furthermore, training exercises and their associated harm to marine life are wide-ranging and are not restricted to the areas near PMRF. These resolutions should include all training areas affected by military training in Hawai'i

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

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