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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB0381 HD1 PROPOSED
RELATING TO HEALTH**

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN M. MIZUNO, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 7, 2019

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** NONE

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports HB0381 HD1 Proposed to
3 increase the frequency of the meetings for the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee, pursuant to
4 Section 342L-62, from annual to **twice a year**.

5 **Offered Amendments:** None

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

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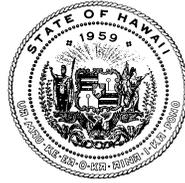
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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HD381 HD1
RELATING TO HEALTH**

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 7, 2019

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** NONE

2 **Department Testimony:** The department supports HB381 HD1 to increase the frequency of the
3 meetings for the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee, pursuant to Section 342L-62, from annual to
4 **twice a year.**

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

6 **Offered Amendments:**

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Testimony on House Bill 381 Proposed HD1, Related to Health

Hearing Date and Time: Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Testimony on behalf of Navy Region Hawaii by CAPT Marc Delao,
Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii

Aloha Chair Mizuno and Committee Members,

The Navy supports the intent of HB 381, proposed HD1, to address public concerns regarding the protection of the environment at Red Hill. We also share that concern and work every day to ensure this important facility is monitored and operated in a responsible and sustainable manner. We all want to protect our aquifer and protect our nation.

However, we note that HB381, proposed HD1, doubles the meeting frequency of the task force established by Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 342L-61. The task force as currently comprised is working well, and complements the existing 2015 Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) for the Red Hill Fuel Facility. The current meeting schedule allows the task force sufficient time to analyze and study the information, data, and recommendations from the AOC. As such, the AOC and existing task force are working well, the proposed HD1 would needlessly increase administrative cost, expense, and effort, and so the proposed HD1 is not necessary.

Red Hill is vital to our country's national security in the Indo-Pacific region and it is also important to Hawaii. We are fully committed to serving as the safety net for Hawaii's energy needs under the Defense Support for Civil Authorities (DSCA). We are capable of delivering fuel to Honolulu Harbor, the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport, Barbers Point and Hawaiian Electric Company for commercial ships, airplanes and generating electricity, all via existing fuel lines. The delivery system is through gravity feed and does not require any additional energy, which is important in any emergency.

The Navy believes we fill an important role in protecting Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony today.

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The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
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Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Mizuno and Members:

Subject: House Bill 381 House Draft 1: Relating to Health

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) strongly supports House Bill (HB) 381, House Draft (HD) 1.

This bill proposes amending Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 342L-62, to specify the fuel tank advisory committee meet bi-annually to study issues related to leaks of field-construction underground fuel storage tanks.

We feel the change clarifies the committee's meeting frequency and provides greater opportunity for public participation and transparency of underground fuel storage tank issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 381, HD 1.

Very truly yours,

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

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:01:31 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the House Committee on Health
Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 8:30 A.M.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol**

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RE: HB 381 HD1, RELATING TO HEALTH

Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **provides comments on** HB 381 HD 1, relating to the advisory committee studying underground fuel storage tanks.

In recognizing how critical the U.S. military presence is to Hawaii's economy, the Chamber underscores that these facilities, which includes the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, are vital to military readiness as it supports all Hawaii-based military actions and a significant share of many more in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. Additionally, the military's ability to remain "ready to respond" is essential for preserving the military's presence in the State and protecting our second largest industry.

It is our understanding that the current task force structure has been working fine and has not interfered with the ongoing Administrative Order on Consent or Statement of Work that resulted from the January 2014 fuel leak. Therefore, we believe this is something that the advisory committee could be able to determine on their own.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

MĀLAMA I KA HONUA. *Cherish the Earth.*

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

February 7, 2019 8:30 AM Room 329

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IN SUPPORT OF HB 381 PROPOSED HD1: Relating to Health

Aloha Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the committee,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **supports HB 381 proposed HD1**, which would require the advisory committee pursuant to HRS Sec. 342L-62 meet bi-annually. This existing advisory committee studies issues related to leaks of field-construction underground fuel storage tanks at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, Kuaehua Peninsula, Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands, Hickam Pol Annex, and Schofield Barracks Military Reservation.

There are over 38 military facilities throughout the Hawaiian Islands that include field-constructed underground fuel storage tanks; many of them built around World War II.¹ Of particular concern to the Sierra Club is the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, which is located a mere 100 feet above from O'ahu's primary groundwater aquifer and provides 600,000 residents and visitors from Hālawā to Hawai'i Kai with drinking water.² This facility is the largest field-constructed underground storage tank system in Hawai'i, storing up to 250 million gallons of fuel for the US Navy.³ Built in the 1940's, this aging facility has suffered numerous leaks.⁴ Most recently in January 2014, tank 5 leaked 27,000 gallons of jet fuel into the surrounding environment only 20 days after the tank passed inspection.⁵

¹ Red Hill Task Force report to the 2015 Legislature, Appendix E, http://lrbhawaii.info/reports/legrpts/doh/2015/scr73_hd1_14.pdf

² Red Hill Task Force Report to the 2015 Legislature, page http://lrbhawaii.info/reports/legrpts/doh/2015/scr73_hd1_14.pdf

³ Red Hill Task Force Report to the 2015 Legislature, page 1 http://lrbhawaii.info/reports/legrpts/doh/2015/scr73_hd1_14.pdf

⁴ Navy monitoring reports, compiled by Honolulu Board of Water Supply, <http://www.boardofwatersupply.com/bws/media/files/red-hill-briefing-public-meeting-moanalua-middle-school-2016-08-15.pdf>

⁵ Red Hill Task Force Report to the 2015 Legislature, page 3 http://lrbhawaii.info/reports/legrpts/doh/2015/scr73_hd1_14.pdf

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i continues to be concerned about the threat of leaks and fuel contamination from the Red Hill Facility. It has been five years since the facility leaked thousands of gallons of fuel directly into our environment, with the current 20-year timeline and plan to upgrade the tanks insufficient to address the threat these massive fuel tanks pose to the safety of O'ahu's drinking water. We support HB 831 Proposed HD1 to require bi-annual meetings of the existing underground storage tank advisory committee, which would help to increase transparency around the status of Red Hill and provide an additional public engagement opportunity.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony in **support of HB 831 Proposed HD1**.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jodi Malinoski".

Jodi Malinoski, Policy Advocate

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