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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2566  
RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES**

**TESTIMONY TO:  
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Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB 2566, Relating to Special License Plates.

For over 80 years, the Civil Air Patrol (“CAP”), an auxiliary of the United State Air Force, has provided critical services to the State of Hawaii in times of emergencies. The Hawaii Wing has worked closely with emergency management agencies in all four counties and with the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and has conducted missions including, but not limited to: Search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial photographs of impacted areas, alerts and notifications, and transportation of supplies.

In situations where the State is threatened by a tsunami, the Civil Air Patrol pilots, scanners and ground crews, have been called upon to alert remote areas that are not serviced by the outdoor alert system through speakers that are mounted to CAP aircraft.

Oftentimes in emergencies, certain roads are closed by police, with the exception to emergency vehicles. Vehicles with CAP license plates will be quickly identified by police as those that are involved with emergency response and if safe, allow passage for our crews to conduct their missions mentioned above.

We saw the effect first hand during the Tsunami alert on July 30, 2025 when an 8.8 earthquake in Russia forced precautionary evacuations to low lying areas on all islands. Road blockages and closed streets forced some of our aircrews to be delayed by up to 2 hours on their way to man our aircraft at various airports, an unacceptable amount of delay when warnings come just 5 hours before landfall. In case of Tsunami and Hurricane warning missions, every minute counts and this past event showed the immense impact that traffic can pose to getting life-saving messaging out in a timely manner.

We strongly urge that the committee pass Bill 2566 forward so that other first responders can assist us in executing our important duties to protect the lives of those in harms way.