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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB2046
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

Hearing Date, Time and Room Number: 02/02/2026, 3:00 pm, 224

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Undetermined

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

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

6 The Department acknowledges the intent of this measure is to: (1) require the cleanup
7 and removal of jet fuel and associated compounds as soon as practicable to levels below the
8 detection limits of the best and most sensitive technology and methods available with the goal
9 of complete remediation and (2) to establish a rebuttable presumption that the detection of
10 any compound associated with jet fuel in the vicinity of an underground storage tank after a
11 confirmed release is the result of the confirmed release.

12 The Department believes that the use of detection limits as regulatory cleanup levels
13 will be difficult to implement and enforce and could potentially lead to inconsistent regulation
14 for the following reasons:

- 1 1. Detection limits are not designed to be protective of human health and the
2 environment, as they are determined by the laboratory and/or manufacturer of the
3 equipment. The Department's mission is to protect human health and the
4 environment, and consequently the Department has established risk-based action
5 levels using toxicity factors and physiochemical constants established by the United
6 States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Library of Medicine, the
7 Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and the United States
8 Department of Energy. These action levels are updated regularly to reflect changes
9 in these factors and constants, as well as to reflect new, relevant scientific
10 information. Subchapter 6 of chapter 11-280.1, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR),
11 requires underground storage tank system owners and operators to remediate
12 contaminated soil, groundwater, and surface water at a release site to these
13 conservative, risk-based cleanup standards to protect public health and the
14 environment. Being that detection limits could potentially be higher than the
15 Department's cleanup standard, requiring jet fuel and associated compounds to be
16 cleaned up to detection limits is not necessarily consistent with the Department's
17 overall mission.
- 18 2. In some instances, detection limits may be lower than the established background
19 concentration of a chemical in the environment. For example, the EPA established a
20 background concentration for benzene (a component of jet fuel) for indoor air that
21 ranges from non-detect to 4.7 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), while the
22 detection limit ranges from 0.05 to 1.6 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. It would be infeasible and costly for
23 the Department to require cleanup to levels below established background
24 concentrations, which is why the Department takes these into account during the
25 cleanup process.
- 26 3. While most laboratory analytical test methods may be standardized, detection limits
27 vary by test method, specific analytical instrument, calibration, sample batch, etc. If

1 a split sample of the same media is sent to two laboratories, quantified results can
2 differ by 10% to 15% or more, between high or low, and this is considered
3 acceptable due to the factors listed here. Therefore, laboratory detection limits are
4 not standardized, and laboratory analytical results vary from vendor to vendor. We
5 require that their minimum quantifiable detection limits are well below the
6 respective DOH's cleanup standard.

7 The Department also believes the proposed new subsection (c), on page 4, lines 4-10, is
8 not necessary and may lead to confusion. Subchapter 5 of chapter 11-280.1, HAR, requires tank
9 system owners and operators to investigate suspected releases from underground storage tank
10 (UST) systems. This investigation is designed to determine the nature and extent of
11 contamination caused by a release from a UST system and would also reveal any other
12 potential sources of the contamination. In some instances, there are releases of multiple fuel
13 types (e.g., jet fuel, gasoline, diesel fuel, fuel oil, etc.) from a variety of sources (e.g., above-
14 ground storage tanks, underground storage tanks, surface releases, etc.) that have co-mingled
15 together. If it is assumed that all identified contamination within the vicinity of a confirmed
16 release of jet fuel from an underground storage tank system release is associated with that
17 release, this could add confusion regarding cleanup requirements since releases from different
18 nearby sources could potentially have different cleanup levels based on this measure.

19 Finally, we note that this measure is targeting releases of only jet fuel and no other
20 petroleum fuel. This measure will not only affect the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, but at
21 least one state facility, one private facility, and three other military facilities if releases occur at
22 those locations. If this measure is expanded to all petroleum releases from UST systems, it will
23 affect over 650 facilities should releases from those facilities occur.

24 **Offered Amendments:** Should the Legislature decide to proceed with this measure, we offer
25 the following suggested amendments to this measure.

- 1 1. Page 4, Lines 1-3. Replace “as soon as practicable, to levels below the detection limits of
- 2 the best and most sensitive technology and methods available, with the goal of
- 3 complete remediation.” with, “as much as practicable.”
- 4 2. Page 4, Lines 4-10. Delete subsection (c).
- 5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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February 2, 2026

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
and Members
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
and Members
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Gabbard, Chair San Buenaventura and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill 2046: Relating to Underground Storage Tanks

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) is in strong support of Senate Bill (SB) 2046.

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 resulted in detection of 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 cleanup and removal of jet fuel, including jet fuel additives and 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, as soon as practicable, with the goal of complete removal.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 2046.

Very truly yours,

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



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

February 2, 2026

3:00 PM

Conference Room 224

In SUPPORT of SB2046: RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and Members of the Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

On behalf of our over 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB2046**, 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 completely cleaned up.

Over four years since the Red Hill catastrophe, the Navy has still provided no meaningful strategy or specific plans for the remediation of the mess it has inflicted upon our water - and that of our children, grandchildren, and future generations. The Red Hill WAI Policy Coordinator has only identified an unpublished, unreviewed study on bacteria found in O'ahu's soil that *could* biodegrade JP-5 (and none of the other compounds released from the Red Hill Facility), without any investigation into the continued toxicity of the degraded fuel or strategy for using such bacteria for groundwater remediation; meanwhile, **the "soil vapor extraction" pilot program put forward by the Navy will have no effect the contamination plume in O'ahu's sole-source aquifer.** 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 has blessed us with. This bill would make this common sense expectation a legal standard for all underground storage tank jet fuel releases – making clear that the Navy cannot continue ignoring the ongoing harms that it has inflicted on our water.

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

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 8:02:23 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John & Rita Shockley	Testifying for Free Access Coalition	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

The Free Access Coalition supports free public access to potable water.

Well over four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our ‘āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai‘i's residents.

We urge you to PASS SB2046.

Mahalo for your time and hopefully your support.

John & Rita Shockley. Coordinators. Free Access Coalition



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: Monday, February 2, 2026, 3pm

In strong support of SB2046

Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice Chairs McKelvey 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 that requires an owner or operator of an underground storage tank or tank system with a confirmed release to meet certain standards for the restoration of the environment. In addition, this measure 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.

It's been over four years since the catastrophic spill from the fuel storage tanks at Red Hill. In all this time, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful investments in remediation efforts. This is unacceptable.

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 SB2046**.

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

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 3:26:49 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly support. Oahu's people deserve better. Your job is to fix problems that the people can't. Please do.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 8:34:35 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandon Makaawaawa	Testifying for Nation of Hawai'i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

****Support****

The Nation of Hawai'i is deeply invested in the protection and restoration of Hawai'i's natural resources, especially water, which is central to the cultural, spiritual, and physical well-being of Native Hawaiians. SB2046 is significant to our community as it addresses the persistent threat posed by underground storage tank releases, particularly of jet fuel and other contaminants, to our water systems, 'āina, and the broader ecosystem upon which Native Hawaiian life and cultural practices depend.

Requiring owners and operators of underground storage tanks to meet clear standards for environmental restoration after a confirmed release directly supports the stewardship values embedded in the ahupua'a system and aligns with the Nation's commitment to resource management and conservation. The establishment of a rebuttable presumption regarding the source of contamination provides a necessary mechanism to ensure accountability and timely remediation, reducing the burden on impacted communities to prove harm and facilitating more effective protection of water resources.

The bill's approach is consistent with best practices in environmental management, which emphasize the importance of swift response and restoration following contamination events. By holding responsible parties to clear standards, SB2046 helps safeguard the public trust in Hawai'i's water and land, supporting Native Hawaiian rights to clean water and a healthy environment. This is especially critical in areas where military activities and legacy pollution have disproportionately affected Native Hawaiian communities and cultural sites.

We respectfully recommend that the implementation of restoration standards include meaningful consultation with Native Hawaiian organizations and cultural practitioners to ensure that remediation efforts honor traditional knowledge and cultural priorities. Additionally, we urge that restoration plans consider long-term monitoring and community engagement to sustain environmental health and uphold the rights of Native Hawaiians as stewards of these lands and waters.

Brandon Maka'awa'awa

Vice President, Nation of Hawai'i



Testimony of Nā Alaka‘i o ‘Ahahui o Hawai‘i
Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees
Monday, February 2, 2026
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: In STRONG SUPPORT of SB2046- CLEAN WAI IS A FIDUCIARY DUTY!

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

We are the alaka‘i of ‘Ahahui o Hawai‘i (“the Hui”), an organization of law student advocates at the William S. Richardson School of Law. For over 50 years, the Hui has advocated for Native Hawaiian justice in all areas of law, especially those affecting Native Hawaiian communities, traditional and customary practices, resource management, and environmental protection.

We STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete cleanup of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island’s sole source aquifer. After ignoring years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our ‘āina and wai.

Water is not merely a resource in Hawai‘i. Wai is sacred, life-giving, and central to Native Hawaiian culture, identity, and survival. Under Hawai‘i’s Constitution and long-established public trust principles, the State has an affirmative duty to protect water resources for the benefit of present and future generations, including for the betterment of Native Hawaiians. Allowing jet fuel contamination to remain in our aquifer violates that duty.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 through the reckless operation of a decrepit underground storage tank facility after years of objections by Hawai‘i residents.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide this testimony.

Nā Alaka‘i o ‘Ahahui o Hawai‘i

Advocates for Native Hawaiian Justice

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O HAWAI‘I**

Advocates for Native Hawaiian Justice

Aloha ‘Āina!

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Kiana Kekoa (‘28)

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Athan Nguyen and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Sincerely,
Athan Nguyen.



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**Group Testimony in Support of
SB2046 RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS**

Mōhala i ka wai ka maka o ka pua

“Unfolded by the water are the faces of flowers.”

Meaning: Flowers thrive where there is water, as thriving people are found where living conditions are good.

‘Ahahui o nā Kauka (the Association of Native Hawaiian Physicians) supports the effort to ensure remediation of the contamination wrought by the United States Navy’s Bulk Fuel Storage Facility at Kapūkākī, commonly referred to as “Red Hill” in modern times, by creating an enforceable legal standard. Safe drinking water is the foundation of health for all humans, and in Hawaiian culture carries even more significance as the base for our word for “wealth,” as our ancestors clearly knew people cannot thrive without safe water to nourish our bodies and the land. After over a century of hosting the US Navy’s military interests, Hawai‘i and its people deserve to be treated as more than military assets left to suffer the harms of infrastructure neglect. As Native Hawaiian physicians, we refuse to turn a blind eye to physical and mental health effects this facility poses to our patients and communities not only by contaminating a large portion of the water supply but also by destroying the faith people had in the safety of our water.

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Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB2046: RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS.

To: Chair Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura Vice, Vice Chair Senator Henry Aquino, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services (HHS)

and

Chair Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair Senator Herbert M. “Tim” Richards III, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment (AEN)

Hearing: 02-02-26, 3:00PM; CR 224 & Videoconference.

Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Aquino and Richards, and Members of the Committees,

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i strongly supports SB 2046, which strengthens environmental restoration requirements for underground storage tanks following a confirmed release, including the requirement that the United States Navy remediate all jet-fuel-related contamination from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility to below-detectable levels using the most sensitive detection technology available.

Protecting Public Health and Hawai'i's Sole-Source Aquifer

The Red Hill fuel releases — including the 2021 spill of approximately 20,000 gallons of jet fuel and the 2022 spill of AFFF containing PFAS — caused unprecedented harm to O'ahu's drinking water system. Thousands of families were displaced, and long-term health concerns remain. The aquifer beneath Red Hill is a sole-source aquifer, meaning there is no alternative drinking water supply for much of Honolulu.

Given the magnitude of the contamination and the vulnerability of the aquifer, Hawai'i must require the highest possible standard of cleanup.

Why SB 2046 Is Necessary

SB 2046 provides two essential protections:

1. A Rebuttable Presumption of Responsibility

When jet-fuel-related contaminants are detected in the vicinity of a confirmed release, the bill presumes the contamination is attributable to that release unless proven otherwise. This prevents delays, disputes, and under-reporting, ensuring that cleanup begins promptly and comprehensively.

2. Use of the Most Sensitive Detection Technology Available

Analytical methods vary widely in sensitivity. Some detect contaminants only at parts-per-million, while others can detect at parts-per-trillion. SB 2046 ensures that the Navy cannot rely on outdated or less sensitive methods that obscure the true extent of contamination.

Requiring the most sensitive detection technology ensures that remediation is based on accurate, high-resolution data and that no harmful contaminants are left behind.

Why “Below-Detectable Levels” Matters

Jet fuel and its associated chemicals — including BTEX compounds, PAHs, and PFAS — pose health risks even at extremely low concentrations. Partial cleanup is not acceptable when the stakes are this high.

Remediation to below-detectable levels ensures:

- Maximum protection of drinking water
- Long-term safety for residents, schools, and businesses
- Restoration of public trust
- Accountability for the full extent of contamination

Conclusion

SB 2046 is a necessary, science-based, and community-protective measure. It affirms Hawai‘i’s commitment to safeguarding its aquifer, holding polluters accountable, and ensuring that the people of O‘ahu never again face the trauma caused by the Red Hill contamination crisis.

For these reasons, the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i urges the Committees to pass SB 2046.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Alan Burdick, Co-Chair

Mike Ewall, Co-Chair

Melodie Aduja, Co-Chair Emerita, Environmental Caucus Democratic Party of Hawai‘i

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Submitted on: 2/1/2026 6:26:52 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kupuna for the Mo'opuna	Testifying for Kupuna for the Moopuna	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONG SUPPORT SB2046

SB2046 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.

Please support and pass SB2046. Mahalo!



**KE ONE O
KĀKUHIHEWA**

O'ahu Council of the
Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

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**TESTIMONY OF KE ONE O KĀKUHIHEWA
O'ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs
SB2046 – Relating to Underground Storage Tanks**

Aloha Chairs Gabbard and San Buenaventura, Vice Chairs Richards and Mckelvey and members of the committees:

Ke One O Kākuhihewa, the O'ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, submits this testimony in strong support of SB2046, which strengthens Hawai'i's response to fuel releases from underground storage tanks and establishes clear expectations for environmental restoration.

For our O'ahu based Hawaiian Civic Clubs, protection of wai is not abstract policy. It is a kuleana passed down through generations. Our groundwater sustains life across this island, and once it is compromised, the harm is not easily undone. The Red Hill crisis made that reality unmistakably clear to families across O'ahu who experienced contamination firsthand and were left with lingering questions about safety, accountability, and long term impacts.

SB2046 takes an important and necessary step forward by making clear that when a fuel release is confirmed, restoration of the surrounding environment is not optional, delayed, or partial. The bill sets a firm expectation that cleanup must be thorough and focused on returning affected areas to a condition that protects public health and the environment. This clarity matters. It removes ambiguity, shortens response time, and centers decision making on the protection of wai rather than procedural delay.

Equally important is the bill's recognition that even small detections of jet fuel or related compounds in the vicinity of a known release warrant serious attention. Communities should not have to prove harm again and again when contamination appears near a confirmed source. Establishing this presumption helps ensure that responsibility is not shifted away from those who operate and benefit from this infrastructure.

Ke One O Kākuhihewa supports SB2046 because it reflects lessons learned the hard way. It affirms that Hawai'i will not accept lingering contamination, incomplete cleanup, or uncertainty when it comes to our drinking water. Owners and operators of underground storage tanks must be held to a clear standard that matches the seriousness of the risk their facilities pose.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony. We respectfully urge your support of SB2046 in the interest of protecting O'ahu's wai and the well-being of our communities.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2026 9:25:35 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Poppler	Testifying for Red Hill Community Representation Initiative	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Michelle Jericho Poppler and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

Ola i ka wai!

I urge you to PASS SB2046. Mahalo nui loa!

Michelle Jericho Poppler

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Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Melanie Lau and I **STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046**, which makes clear that any fuel released from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility - must be completely cleaned up.

Well over four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete cleanup of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must fix the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

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I urge you to **PASS** SB2046.

Sincerely,
Melanie Lau, MD

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2026 5:52:45 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noel Shaw	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Noel Shaw and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to PASS SB2046. Please don't let it come to me having to be in the streets again to ensure the military is held fully accountable for the harm they cause our Hawai'i.

Sincerely,
Noel Sha

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2026 6:19:10 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Georgia L Hoopes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is [Your name] and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Sincerely, Georgia Hoopes, Kalaheo

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2026 6:25:08 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frederick Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is [Your name] and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2093, which will help the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee (FTAC) realize its potential in navigating our Red Hill water crisis through greater public transparency and accountability.

With government regulators, state and federal elected officials, Navy leaders, and community representatives, FTAC has tremendous potential in identifying and addressing the myriad issues and community concerns surrounding our Red Hill water crisis. However, by meeting only twice a year, FTAC's potential has been squandered. Performative presentations in hours-long meetings that occur only once every six months simply do not allow for the timely updates, robust conversation, and public testimonies and questions that are essential to ensuring our future water security and the safety of present and future generations.

By requiring FTAC to meet at least once a quarter, this measure will ensure that FTAC is able to more meaningfully address our ongoing and evolving water crisis, including through timely updates, public access, transparency, and community accountability to FTAC and its members.

I urge you to PASS SB2093.

Frederick Smith

82-5996 Napoopoo Road

Captain Cook, HI 96704

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2026 7:12:34 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Danielle Rose Gregorio Magee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Dani and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Sincerely,
Danielle Rose Gregorio Magee (Dani)

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2026 7:13:02 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Uilani Naipo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is U'ilani Naipo and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

Please PASS SB2046.

Mahalo,

U'ilani Naipo

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2026 7:14:59 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emily Shaljian	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Emily and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Sincerely,
Emily Shaljian

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2026 7:22:16 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dylan Ramos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Dylan Ramos, I am a lifelong resident of East Honolulu, and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046. Those who cause destruction like what we saw with Red Hill have to be held accountable in every respect, and the least they can do is clean up their mess.

Mahalo,

Dylan Ramos

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SB-2046


Submitted on: 1/30/2026 11:21:58 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patrice Choy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

I strongly support SB2046 because there should not be one drop of jet fuel  in our drinking water or in our our environment. No one should fear drinking water contaminated by jet fuel or eating food fertilized with jet fuel.

In the case of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, SB2046 must be passed to ensure, once and for all, the Navy takes full responsibility for the deadly mess they created.

Please pass SB2046.

Thank you.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 3:36:30 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
J. Kehau Lucas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Committees,

My name is [Your Name], and I **strongly support SB2046**, which requires the complete cleanup of any jet fuel released from underground storage tank systems such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

More than four years after the November 2021 fuel spill, **O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer remains at risk**, despite repeated warnings, public outcry, and well-documented infrastructure failures. This aquifer supplies drinking water to nearly one million residents and has no viable alternative source.

Jet fuel contains toxic compounds, including benzene, which is known to cause serious health effects and has **no safe level in drinking water**. Allowing any petroleum contamination to remain in groundwater used for human consumption is inconsistent with basic public-health and environmental standards.

SB2046 establishes a **clear, enforceable legal requirement** that fuel contamination must be fully remediated, ensuring accountability and protecting Hawai‘i’s water resources. There should be **zero tolerance for jet fuel in our drinking water or environment**.

I respectfully urge you to **PASS SB2046**.

Mahalo,
Kehau Lucas

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 7:26:01 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Malia Marquez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Malia Marquez and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Malia Marquez

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 8:02:13 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Denise Boisvert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I FULLY SUPPORT SB2046.

The U.S. Navy is fully responsible for all the jet fuel contamination; and therefore they must be fully responsible for removing every single drop and compound resulting from their shameful prolonged negligence and decades of dishonest denials and coverups of the leaks.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 8:31:06 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Jorgensen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support SB2046.

If there is any logical or even mildly acceptable reason to not make the US Navy clean up their ENTIRE mess, I certainly cannot think of one.

And I am sure the thousands of people who drank the Navy's contaminated water would not be able to either.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 9:08:23 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Madonna Dizon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Subject

Strong Support for SB2046 – Complete Cleanup of Red Hill Fuel Contamination

Aloha, Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees:

My name is Kaleookamahina aka Madonna Dizon. I strongly support SB2046, 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.

More than four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the full remediation of this contamination, the Navy has failed to take meaningful action to clean up our island’s sole source aquifer. This is HEWA! Ignoring years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe is absolutely HEWA.

The Navy must be held accountable! The Navy cannot be allowed to disregard the severe and lasting harm it has inflicted on our ‘āina, wai, and its people.

SB2046 would establish a clear and enforceable legal standard—one that is also binding on the federal government. That standard is simple and necessary: there should be no jet fuel in our drinking water or our environment, especially when that contamination results from the reckless operation of a deteriorating underground storage tank facility that Hawai‘i residents warned about for years.

I urge you to pass SB2046 and help ensure the complete cleanup and protection of Hawai‘i’s water for present, future, and generations yet unborn.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaleookamahina aka Madonna Dizon

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 9:18:12 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Bo Breda and I **STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046**, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to **PASS SB2046**.

Sincerely,
Bo Breda

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 9:21:51 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter Wilson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Peter Wilson and I **STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046**, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to **PASS SB2046**.

Sincerely,

Peter Wilson

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 10:38:32 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Absolutely!

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 11:07:26 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karen Luke	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chairs, and members of the Committees,

My name is Karen Luke and I **STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046**, which clearly states that any jet fuel spill must be **COMPLETELY** cleaned up.

The Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer and must not be allowed to ignore the harms it has inflicted on our people, our 'āina and wai.

We need an enforceable legal standard to bind the federal government to eliminate jet fuel in our drinking water and our environment.

I urge you to **PASS** SB2046 in consideration of the people of Hawaii and the their home.

Sincerely,

Karen Luke

Ewa Beach, Hawaii

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 11:31:06 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Nanea Lo and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to PASS SB2046.

me ke aloha 'āina,

Nanea Lo

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 2:26:56 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christy Shaver	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Christy Shaver and I **STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046**, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to **PASS SB2046**.

Sincerely,
Christy Shaver

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 2:48:46 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donelle Sawyer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Donelle Sawyer and I **STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046**, 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. I can not believe that this needs to be said but, there simply should be NO JET FUEL in our water.

Well over four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to **PASS** SB2046.

Sincerely, Donelle Sawyer

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Submitted on: 1/31/2026 3:11:49 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
DIANE CHOY FUJIMURA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Diane Choy Fujimura and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai. The Navy MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE!! They have completely lost any trust by the people of Hawaii and have consistently shown they do not respect us, our 'aina.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Sincerely,

Diane Choy Fujimura

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 3:51:06 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Earl Kim	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Earl Kim and I **STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046**, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to **PASS** SB2046.

Sincerely,
Earl J. Kim

Honolulu, HI

Meredith Wilson - Written Testimony 1/31/2026
In support of SB 2046

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Meredith Wilson and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, which would require the full cleanup of jet fuel, additives, and degradation chemicals from the islands' environment, most certainly its precious sole source aquifer.

When I was living on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam from 2017-2021, I had the harrowing experience of being exposed to jet fuel in my home's water that should have never been there. My physical and mental health are forever impacted by the lack of managing of those Underground Storage Tanks and the regulators' inability to oversee the Navy. The Red Hill Water Crisis changed my life in some of the worst ways. We must do everything we can to protect other families going through a similar nightmare.

Well over four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate their decades' long mess. The State of Hawaii has to use its full power to enforce a legal standard, especially upon a federal entity, for such a fundamental protection of a resource such as our lifeblood, water/wai.

I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Sincerely,
Meredith Wilson

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 5:13:48 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
pahnelopi mckenzie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Pahnelopi McKenzie and I **STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046**, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to **PASS SB2046**.

Please take care of the Children, Pahnelopi McKenzie

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 6:18:44 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tia pearson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Tia Pearson and I **STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046**, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to **PASS** SB2046.

Sincerely,

Tia Pearson

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 6:41:28 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kealakai Hammond	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Mahalo,

Kealakai Hammond, Honolulu

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 7:17:04 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ANDREW ISODA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Andrew Isoda and I **STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046**, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to **PASS** SB2046.

Sincerely,
Andrew Isoda
Lahaina, Mau'i

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 10:03:35 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Madison Owens, and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete cleanup of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Mahalo,

Madison Owens

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 10:51:54 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Katherine Fryer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to restore our island's only aquifer. After ignoring years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable legal standard that will also be binding on the federal government: there should be NO jet fuel in our drinking water or in our environment, especially when it has been released by the reckless operation of a decrepit underground storage tank facility after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to **PASS** SB2046.

Sincerely,
Katherine Fryer

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 12:49:49 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Lynda Nishihara and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Sincerely,
Lynda Nishihara

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 1:03:27 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Ashley Nishihara and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Sincerely,
Ashley Nishihara

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 5:17:44 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Seikai Darcy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Lisa Darcy from Kula, HI and I **STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046**, a no brainer. It 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.

I've been following the fiasco since November 2021. The Red Hill fuel spill, nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill at minimum would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to **PASS** SB2046.

Sincerely,

Lisa Darcy, Kula HI

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 8:04:28 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keoni Shizuma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

This seems pretty straight forward and makes the most sense. If there is a release in the area, that contaminants from the release that are detected are presumed from the confirmed release. If there is reasons to believe otherwise, than that point can be proven, but it should be presumed from the confirmed release.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 8:15:42 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sue	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Sue Alana and strongly support SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete cleanup of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After ignoring years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

Water is not merely a resource in Hawai'i. Wai is sacred, life-giving, and central to Native Hawaiian culture, identity, and survival. Under Hawai'i's Constitution and long-established public trust principles, the State has an affirmative duty to protect water resources for the benefit of present and future generations, including for the betterment of Native Hawaiians. Allowing jet fuel contamination to remain in our aquifer violates that duty.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 through the reckless operation of a decrepit underground storage tank facility after years of objections by Hawai'i residents.

I urge you to pass SB2046.

Sincerely,
Sue Alana

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 8:41:32 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Courtney Caranguian	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is [Your name] and I strongly support SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete cleanup of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After ignoring years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

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This bill would establish an enforceable 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 through the reckless operation of a decrepit underground storage tank facility after years of objections by Hawai'i residents.

I urge you to pass SB2046.

Sincerely,
Courtney Caranguian

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 9:05:54 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kahealani Mokuau Scales	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Committees,

My name is Kahealani Mokuau Scales, and I am testifying in strong support of SB2046. I am a resident of O‘ahu, mother, water protector, and cultural practitioner. This bill, which mandates the complete cleanup of jet fuel from our aquifer, is not just policy—it is a matter of survival and justice.

Four years. That’s how long our ‘āina and our people have waited for the Navy to truly begin cleaning up the poison they spilled into our sole source aquifer. The 2021 Red Hill crisis was not an accident; it was the result of ignored warnings, dismissed concerns, and a profound disrespect for our home. Now, nearly three years after our community demanded a complete cleanup, we see the same pattern: delay, denial, and disregard.

For me, wai is life, and the lifeblood of our systems connecting us to generations before and after- It is identity, it is history, it is sacred.

Every day that this contamination remains, it is an active breach of the public trust. Our state constitution is clear: our leaders have a duty to protect our water for all generations, and especially for the betterment of Native Hawaiians. Allowing the Navy to leave jet fuel in our wai is a failure of that sacred duty.

SB2046 creates an enforceable standard—no jet fuel in our water. Period. It tells the federal government that our health, our culture, and our future are not negotiable.

I stand with my community in urging you to pass SB2046. Our wai must run pure again. It is your kuleana to ensure that it does. ♡

Mahalo nui,

Kahealani Mokuau Scales

Kona, Oahu

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 9:10:45 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Irene Zane	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Irene Zane and I Strongly Support SB2046 - to COMPLETELY cleanup the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility and surrounding contaminated environment.

I am a Hawaii State resident - born and raised on the island of Oahu. I've lived in Hawaii all my life. I currently live in beautiful Nuuanu Valley. For the past 80+ years I could turn on my tap water faucet and expect clean drinking water and not give it a second thought. A few years ago that all changed when we learned something very scary - the Navy's Red Hill Storage Tanks were leaking jet fuel into our clean drinking water.

I'm 80+ years old and am of sound mind - I still know the difference between "Wrong and Right." Wrong is to contaminate what used to be a source of clean drinking water for Oahu island residents. Right is to COMPLETELY cleanup the contamination.

I STRONGLY urge you to PASS SB2046.

Respectfully,

Irene Zane

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 9:13:59 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maya Auriemma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Maya Auriemma and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Sincerely,
Maya Auriemma

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 9:52:40 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shay Chan Hodges	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Shay Chan Hodges and I **STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046**, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to **PASS** SB2046.

Sincerely,

Shay Chan Hodges

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 11:32:07 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
cheryl burghardt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and Committee

I strongly support SB2046, which makes clear that any jet fuel released from underground storage tanks—such as those at the Red Hill facility—must be fully cleaned up.

More than four years after the Red Hill fuel spill, our communities are still living with the consequences of contamination to O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer. Warnings were ignored for years, and meaningful remediation has yet to occur. This failure has harmed our water, our health, and our trust.

SB2046 sets a clear and enforceable standard: there should be no jet fuel in Hawai‘i’s drinking water or environment. Our wai and ‘āina deserve protection, not continued risk from aging and dangerous infrastructure.

I respectfully urge you to pass SB2046.

Cheryl Burghardt

Nuuanu Oahu

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 11:36:54 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dee Green	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB2046.

Any jet fuel leaking from tanks like Red Hill must be fully cleaned up. Years after the 2021 spill, the Navy has done little to protect Hawai'i's drinking water. This bill makes it clear: no jet fuel should remain in our water or environment.

I urge you to pass SB2046.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 12:38:49 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dana Keawe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly Support SB2046

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Dana Keawe and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Sincerely,
Dana Keawe

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SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 5:35:08 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Ho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees!

My name is Cheryl Ho. I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046.

Today, 2/1/26, in the Annual Meeting of Church of the Crossroads, there was unanimous agreement that we should continue to advocate for the expedited progress of the total CleanUp of the Red Hill Fuel Tanks.

Numerous church members have joined demonstrations demanding that the U.S. Navy effect a complete, thorough clean up of the area aquifer that provides for a huge sector of O'ahu's population.

SB 2046 would establish an enforceable 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 an aging, disintegrating underground storage tank facility after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents. We cannot afford to further jeopardize the health of our families: kūpuna, mākua, and keiki!!

I urge you to PASS SB2046!!

Mahalo nui!!

Cheryl O. Ho, Nu'uano

LATE

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 5:45:47 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aurora	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Aurora Kaleookalani Naone and I strongly support SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete cleanup of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After ignoring years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

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This bill would establish an enforceable 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 through the reckless operation of a decrepit underground storage tank facility after years of objections by Hawai'i residents.

I urge you to pass SB2046.

Sincerely,
Aurora Kaleookalani Naone

LATE

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 7:37:00 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cassidy Hollenbeck	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support 2046, calling for the complete clean-up of all jet fuel leaked from underground storage tanks. It is blatantly obvious that jetfuel is not supposed to be in our drinking water, I strongly align with SB 2046 where "any contamination must be fully remediated; there should be no acceptable level of jet fuel in the State's precious and otherwise pure wai".

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Submitted on: 2/1/2026 7:46:09 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keili McEvilly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Ke‘ili McEvilly and I live in Waimanalo, I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our ‘āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai‘i's residents.

I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Sincerely,

Ke‘ili McEvilly

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SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 8:15:57 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carrie Ann Shirota	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in Support of S.B. 2046 Relating to Underground Storage Tanks

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Carrie Ann Shirota, and I am submitting this testimony in strong support of SB2046. This measure establishes a clear mandate for the complete cleanup and remediation of any jet fuel released from an underground storage tank system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

The factual record demonstrates that the U.S. Navy has failed to undertake adequate remediation efforts following the contamination of our island's sole source aquifer.

S.B. 2046 is critically important as it will establish a necessary and enforceable legal standard, binding even upon the federal government, to ensure that no jet fuel remains in our drinking water resources or in the surrounding environment.

For the sake of our collective health and wellness, and that of future generations, I respectfully urge your support and passage of S.B. 2046.

Mahalo,
Carrie Ann Shirota

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 8:51:57 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Raquel Alicia	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Raquel Alicia and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Kind regards,

Raquel Alicia

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SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 9:48:53 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maggie McKay	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Maggie McKay and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

This bill would establish an enforceable 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 after years of objections by Hawai'i's residents.

I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Sincerely,

Maggie McKay

LATE

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 10:32:17 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Riley Herron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

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I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Sincerely,
Riley Herron

LATE

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 10:33:37 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
emily gambino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Emily Gambino and I **STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046**, 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** SB2046.

Sincerely,
Emily Gambino

LATE

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 10:58:55 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Kite	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Richard Kite and I **STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046**, 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** SB2046.

Sincerely,
Richard Kite

LATE

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 3:00:38 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ellen Carson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this bill. We need full accountability for the fuel leaks and damage to our water aquifers as a result of the red hill spill.

LATE

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 7:18:08 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert N Mansfield, Jr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good morning Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chaird McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees.

I, Robert Nawahine Mansfield, Jr. STRONGLY SUPPORT SB 2046 which clearly states Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility must be thoroughly cleaned up.

We as well as your descendants and mine should not be victimized; our eco-systems are in oeril straits.. Hawaii must establish an enforceable legal standard that will be binding on the federal government.

I urge you to PASS SB2046

Sincerely,

Robert Nawahine Mansfield, Jr.

LATE

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 8:17:39 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Raquel Runnels	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Raquel Runnels and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

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I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Me ke mahalo piha,
Raquel S. Runnels

LATE

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 8:48:21 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gabrielle Rochon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Gabrielle Rochon and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 SB2046.

Sincerely,
Gabrielle Rochon

LATE

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 9:24:23 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marshall Hung	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Marshall Hung and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

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I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Sincerely,
Marshall Hung

LATE

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 9:41:07 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tuyet Nguyen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Tuyet Nguyen and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

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I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Sincerely,
Tuyet Nguyen

LATE

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 10:17:04 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nakamoto David	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is David Nakamoto and I strongly support SB 2046 which makes clear that any jet fuel released from an underground storage system - such as the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility- must be completely cleaned up.

Well over four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our islands's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our `aina and wai.

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I urge you to pass SB2046

LATE

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 11:59:31 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daphne Loren	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Daphne Loren and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 four years after the November 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, and nearly three years after the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative called for the complete clean up of this contamination, the Navy has failed to make any meaningful efforts to remediate our island's sole source aquifer. After having ignored years of public outcry, whistleblower complaints, and basic common sense prior to the 2021 catastrophe, the Navy must not be allowed to now ignore the harms it has inflicted on our 'āina and wai.

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Without clean water, we cannot live. Please protect our 'āina, and protect our lives.

I urge you to PASS SB2046.

Sincerely,
Daphne Loren

LATE

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 12:48:58 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Caprielle Woehr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Caprielle Woehr and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2046, 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 SB2046.

Sincerely,
Caprielle

LATE

SB-2046

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 1:33:12 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/2/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JON BRODZIAK	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment Committees,

My name is Jon Brodziak, and I strongly support **SB2046**. This bill sets a clear standard that fuel releases from underground storage tank systems, including Red Hill, must be fully remediated.

The Red Hill spill and its aftermath have undermined confidence in the safety of O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer. SB2046 would establish an enforceable requirement to remove jet fuel-related contamination, including breakdown products, to below-detectable levels using sensitive detection methods.

I urge you to pass SB2046.

Sincerely,
Jon Brodziak