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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB2093  
RELATING TO THE FUEL TANK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

SENATOR JOY A SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Approximately \$32,000 for two additional meetings, excluding staff  
2 resources. This measure may impact the priorities identified in the Governor's Executive  
3 Budget Request for the Department of Health's (Department's) appropriations and personnel  
4 priorities.

5 **Department Position:** The Department offers comments.

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

8 This measure requires the Department to hold at least one regular Fuel Tank Advisory  
9 Committee (FTAC) meeting during each calendar quarter.

10 In October 2025, a majority of FTAC members voted to continue to hold two meetings  
11 per year. In addition to FTAC, information on closure activities is readily available and the Navy  
12 continues to hold public outreach activities as the party responsible for closure.

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1 For example, the Department publishes plans for Red Hill defueling, closure,  
2 environmental site assessment, site investigation, and the Department's comments, approvals,  
3 and disapprovals:

- 4 • DOH Red Hill Updates: <https://health.hawaii.gov/about/red-hill-water-information/>
- 5 • Red Hill environmental plans: [https://health.hawaii.gov/ust/nov-20-release-technical-](https://health.hawaii.gov/ust/nov-20-release-technical-documents/)  
6 [documents/](https://health.hawaii.gov/ust/nov-20-release-technical-documents/)

7 Air monitoring, groundwater, and drinking water data are available on regulatory and Navy  
8 websites:

- 9 • U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Red Hill Groundwater App:  
10 <https://www.epa.gov/red-hill/groundwater-results-application>
- 11 • Navy Safe Waters website: <https://jbphh-safewaters.org>

12 The Navy provides updates about Red Hill at other public meetings held by state and  
13 federal agencies, such as Department of Land and Natural Resources Commission on Water  
14 Resource Management's meetings, the House Special Committee on Red Hill's informational  
15 briefs, and EPA webinars. The Department also understands that the Navy regularly attends  
16 neighborhood board meetings and hosts open houses and information booths.

17 The Department has observed a steady decrease in public attendance and interest in  
18 the FTAC's semiannual meetings after the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility was defueled in  
19 2024. Prior to the beginning of defueling, approximately 135 members of the public attended  
20 the FTAC's June 2023 meeting. Existing efforts at Red Hill now include tank cleaning, pipeline  
21 removal, and environmental site assessment. Only 24 members of the public attended the  
22 FTAC's October 2025 meeting to receive updates related to these ongoing efforts.

23 While the Department continues to carefully oversee the safe closure of Red Hill, there  
24 is only one additional remaining active facility listed in the FTAC's duties provided in Hawai'i

1 Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 342L-62. Located on Kaua'i, this facility's field-constructed  
2 tanks are not over a drinking water aquifer, and there have been no reported releases. There  
3 are also plans to replace these tanks with aboveground storage tanks. Of the FTAC's three  
4 remaining locations of study in HRS 342L-62, one location has never had field-constructed  
5 tanks, one location closed its tanks and is continuing long-term monitoring, and one location is  
6 undergoing tank closure.

7         Given the decrease in activity at these sites within the FTAC's statutory duties, and the  
8 length of time environmental site assessments and investigations typically take, this measure  
9 may not be necessary at this time. It is unlikely that holding additional meetings at this time  
10 would disseminate any significantly new information. The Department also notes that the  
11 same staff resources used to plan and coordinate FTAC meetings are also used to oversee the  
12 Navy's activities in the field and review environmental data and plans.

13         Thank you for the opportunity to testify to this measure.

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February 2, 2026

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

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

Dear Chair Gabbard, Chair San Buenaventura and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill 2093: Relating to the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) strongly supports Senate Bill (SB) 2093. This measure proposes to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 342L-62, to require the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee to hold at least one regular meeting during each calendar quarter.

The purpose of the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee is to study issues related to leaks at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) among other responsibilities. Given the November 2021 fuel release that contaminated Oahu's sole source aquifer and the Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam (JBPHH) water system that affected almost 100,000 people including the release of 1,300 gallons of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) containing aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) at the RHBFSF, the Committee needs more meetings to discuss and comment on the Navy and regulatory agencies' progress to characterize and remediate this contamination. The Legislature and the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee need to take swift and decisive action to restore our aquifer for future generations to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 2093.

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 SB2093: RELATING TO THE FUEL TANK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

On behalf of our over 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB2093**, which will allow the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee (FTAC) to more fully realize its potential in providing transparency, accountability, and action in the government's response to the ongoing Red Hill water crisis.

With representation from state and federal regulators, elected officials, the military, and the O'ahu community, FTAC has the unique and significant potential to coordinate and accelerate much-needed responses to address the myriad ongoing issues arising from the Red Hill catastrophe. However, this potential has been squandered for years, with the FTAC meeting only once every six months. The infrequency of FTAC's meetings has severely inhibited continuity and follow-through by its members, and effectively prevented the public from raising new and ongoing concerns or otherwise holding FTAC members accountable through timely, real-time questions and discussions with the community.

**By requiring FTAC to meet once every three months, this bill would facilitate the multi-jurisdictional coordination and action necessary to address the ongoing and evolving threats of the Red Hill fuel tanks' contamination of our precious 'āina and wai** – including through the increased public transparency, communication, and accountability provided by more frequent FTAC meetings.

To be clear: the situation with Red Hill is far from over. Our sole-source aquifer continues to be contaminated; incomplete groundwater flow models and water testing data indicate the potential for the contamination plume to threaten additional water sources; and we have not seen any specific proposal to remediate this plume, if and when it is located. Accordingly, we need to ensure much more proactive and comprehensive responses from the various agencies and entities responsible for dealing with this clear threat to the water security of our present and future generations. This measure provides one critical means of doing so.

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



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 SB2093- TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IS  
A MUST FOR EXERCISING DUE DILIGENCE!**

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 SB2093, which will help the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee realize its potential in navigating the Red Hill water crisis through greater public transparency and accountability.

With government regulators, state and federal elected officials, Navy leaders, and community representatives, the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee has tremendous potential to identify and address the many issues and community concerns surrounding the Red Hill water crisis. Protecting our water is a core public trust obligation of the State and is essential to safeguarding the health, culture, and future of Hawai‘i’s people, particularly Native Hawaiians for whom wai is sacred.

However, by meeting only twice a year, FTAC’s potential has been severely limited. Infrequent, hours-long meetings do not allow for timely updates, meaningful discussion, or adequate opportunities for public testimony and questions, especially during an ongoing and evolving crisis.

By requiring FTAC to meet at least once per quarter, this bill will ensure more consistent oversight, transparency, public access, and accountability in the government’s response to the Red Hill water crisis, and will better align that response with the State’s duty to protect water for current and future generations.

**Nā Alaka‘i o ‘Ahahui o Hawai‘i**

Advocates for Native Hawaiian Justice

William S. Richardson School of Law | University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa



**‘AHAHUI  
O HAWAI‘I**

Advocates for Native Hawaiian Justice

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide this testimony.

Aloha ‘Āina!

Nā Alaka‘i o ‘Ahahui o Hawai‘i

Nā Alaka‘i:

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Bronson Gonzales (‘26)

Lenei Sousa Naipo (‘27)

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Ka‘ohi Gomera (‘27)

Kyson Kainalu James-Foree (‘27)

Justice Kaeo Castroverde-Moniz (‘27)

Kukui Akana (‘28)

Kalāmanamana Harman (‘28)

Sonny Dryden Kuehuikapono Seto Myers (‘28)

Kiana Kekoa (‘28)

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 8:11:56 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 SB2093. We need free public access on a closer schedule than the present "twice a year meeting"" schedule of the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee.

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.

Mahalo for your time and hopefully, your support.

John & Rita Shockley. Coordinators. Free Access Coalition



**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 3:30:44 PM

Testimony for AEN 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:

Meeting 4 times a year is really not a stretch. Please make it happen. Because you're all good people serving a community that is running out of options. Help us!



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January 31, 2026

### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair**

**Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Vice Chair**

### **COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair**

**Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair**

**Group Testimony in Support of  
SB2093 RELATING TO THE FUEL TANK ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

### ***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 efforts to ensure greater transparency, accountability, and action in the governmental response to the ongoing water crisis created by the United States Navy’s Bulk Fuel Storage Facility at Kapūkakī, commonly referred to as “Red Hill” in modern times, by increasing the frequency of the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee (FTAC) meetings to quarterly. 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.

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 6:32:42 PM

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

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

Comments:

**IN STRONG SUPPORT of SB2093**

SB2093 will help the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee realize its potential in navigating our Red Hill water crisis through greater public transparency and accountability.

**Please support and pass SB2093. Mahalo.**



February 2, 2026

TESTIMONY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS  
To the Senate Committees on Ways and Means  
In Support of

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**SB 2093 - RELATING TO THE FUEL TANK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs submits testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB2093 Relating to the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee (FTAC), which would require the FTAC to meet at least one time per calendar quarter.

The mission of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is to effectively advocate for the educational, civic, health, cultural, economic, and social well-being of our lāhui. We have advocated for the expedient and full remediation of the Red Hill Fuel Facility for many years, including the adoption of Association Resolution 2024-61 URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT WEEKLY THIRD-PARTY TESTING OF ALL NAVY MONITORING WELLS AND DRINKING WATER WELLS FOR CHEMICAL CONTAMINANTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NAVY'S BULK FUEL STORAGE FACILITY AT KAPŪKAKĪ (RED HILL) AND TAKE REMEDIATION ACTION IF NECESSARY. To date, the Navy has not adequately addressed the concerns raised by the Association and the adverse impacts to O'ahu from the 2021 fuel spill continue.

By meeting one time per calendar quarter, the FTAC will be enabled to listen to public input, and provide updates on all matters relating to the environmental impacts relating to the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force fuel tanks in a more timely manner. The current schedule of meeting two times

per year does not adequately address our concerns and all public concerns over the health of our wai and delicate island ecosystem related to current and potential future fuel tank leaks. More timely information exchange will allow for more timely environmental responses.

Founded by Prince Kūhiō in 1918, the Hawaiian Civic Club movement is the oldest Native Hawaiian community-based advocacy movement. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is a not-for-profit organization that is a confederation of 61 individual and autonomous Hawaiian Civic Clubs and 3,000 members located across Hawai‘i and across the continental United States.

We appreciate your favorable consideration of this measure.



**TESTIMONY OF KE ONE O KĀKUHIHEWA**  
**O'ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs**  
**SB2093 – Relating to the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee**

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, respectfully submits this testimony in strong support of SB2093, which would require the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee to convene at least once each calendar quarter.

Our council represents the collective voices of Hawaiian Civic Clubs across O'ahu. These clubs are rooted in their communities and grounded in a shared responsibility to protect the health, safety, and future of our people and our 'āina. Few issues have affected O'ahu as deeply or as personally as the Red Hill fuel contamination and the ongoing risks posed by military fuel storage facilities across the island.

For many years, Hawaiian Civic Clubs have raised concerns about fuel storage, water safety, and the long-term impacts on our wai and public health. Those concerns intensified after the 2021 Red Hill fuel spill, yet the pace of information-sharing, accountability, and visible progress has not met the urgency of the harm experienced by O'ahu communities. Families are still seeking clarity, reassurance, and confidence that their drinking water is safe—now and into the future.

Requiring the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee to meet quarterly is a practical and necessary step. More frequent meetings create regular opportunities for public input, timely updates from agencies, and transparent discussion about environmental monitoring, remediation efforts, and risk mitigation. Meeting only twice a year is not sufficient given the scale of the issue or the level of public concern. Ongoing oversight and consistent communication are essential to restoring trust and ensuring that emerging issues are addressed before they become crises.

Ke One O Kākuhihewa supports SB2093 because it strengthens accountability and improves the flow of information between decision-makers and the communities most affected. Regular meetings will help ensure that environmental and public health concerns related to fuel storage on O'ahu are not sidelined or delayed.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration of this important measure. We respectfully urge your support of SB2093.

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 10:05:50 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Angela Chon	Testifying for SIERRA	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 Angela Chon and I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2093. It's imperative for Fuel Tank Advisory Committee (FTAC) to explore and take action to its optimal potential into 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 the rights in choosing the methods and consistency about the myriad issues and community concerns surrounding our Red Hill water crisis. Instead of meeting only twice a year, which is limited discussion, truncated testimonies, and overstuffed agenda, it is pivotal to meet once per quarter. 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 improves FTAC's efforts, engagement, and priorities for the public to address our ongoing and evolving water crisis. This is affecting the neighboring communities and the rest of the public that drinks from the same water pipe that has the remaining Red Hill spills contaminants. Thus, it is vital for FTAC to do more meetins and collaborations for the public's safety and the public's security. This includes through timely updates, public access, transparency, and community accountability to FTAC and its members.

I strongly urge you to PASS SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Angela Chon

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 9:27:39 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 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.

Ola i ka wai!

I urge you to PASS SB2093.

Mahalo nui loa!

~ Michelle Jericho Poppler





## **Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i**

### **TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB2093: RELATING TO THE FUEL TANK ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

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

**and**

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

**Hearing: February 2, 2026 – 3:00 PM – Conference Room 224 & Videoconference**

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

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i strongly supports  
SB 2093, which requires the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee (FTAC) to meet once per  
quarter rather than only twice per year. This simple but essential change strengthens  
public oversight, transparency, and accountability in the State's response to the ongoing  
Red Hill water crisis.

#### **Why Quarterly Meetings Are Necessary**

The Fuel Tank Advisory Committee was established to study and monitor issues  
related to leaks from field-constructed underground fuel storage tanks at Red Hill,  
Kuahua Peninsula, Barking Sands, Hickam, and Schofield. These facilities have a long  
history of contamination events, including the catastrophic Red Hill jet fuel releases that  
displaced thousands of residents and threatened O'ahu's sole-source aquifer.

Given the scale, complexity, and long-term nature of the Red Hill crisis,  
semiannual meetings are insufficient. Critical developments occur monthly—sometimes  
weekly—including groundwater monitoring results, remediation progress, health  
updates, and interagency coordination challenges. Quarterly meetings ensure that the  
public, the Legislature, and affected communities receive timely information and have  
meaningful opportunities to engage.

#### **Strengthening Transparency and Public Trust**

SB2093 enhances transparency by ensuring:

- More frequent public updates on groundwater data, health monitoring, and remediation progress
- Regular opportunities for community members to ask questions and raise concerns
- Improved coordination among the Navy, Department of Health, Board of Water Supply, and other agencies
- Greater accountability for commitments made under state and federal agreements

In the aftermath of the Red Hill disaster, rebuilding public trust requires consistent, predictable, and open communication. Quarterly FTAC meetings are a minimum standard for responsible governance.

### **Supporting Effective Oversight**

The bill also appropriates funds to support the committee's expanded meeting schedule, including the option to contract with a third-party administrator. This is a prudent investment that strengthens the State's capacity to monitor complex technical, environmental, and public-health issues over the long term.

### **Conclusion**

SB2093 is a practical, community-centered measure that improves oversight, transparency, and responsiveness in Hawai'i's management of fuel tank risks. The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urges the Committees to pass SB2093.

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

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 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 among its members, 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 for FTAC and its members.

I urge you to **PASS** SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Melanie Lau, MD

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/30/2026 6:22:14 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 Georgia Hoopes 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.

Sincerely, Georgia Hoopes, Kalaheo

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/30/2026 7:07:23 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 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.*

*Sincerely,*

*U'ilani Naipo*

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/30/2026 7:14:06 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 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.

Sincerely,  
Danielle Rose Gregorio Magee (Dani)

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/30/2026 7:16:05 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 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.

Sincerely,  
Emily Shaljian

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/30/2026 7:27:07 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 SB2093. A lack of transparency and public accountability are exactly how we ended up with a problem like Red Hill in the first place. If we are going to address it now, the least we can do is take the job even remotely seriously and have FTAC meet at least every quarter.

Mahalo,

Dylan Ramos

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**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/30/2026 11:58:55 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 SB2093, as the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee is the only gig going on in a governmental capacity that allows for some level of dialog on the Red Hill crisis.

For such a critical mess to be relegated to just twice a year conversations is an insult to O'ahu residents and to those who continue to suffer major health issues from drinking jet fuel.

FTAC could be a dynamic forum to help establish Hawaii as a leader in cleaning up and protecting a precious resource, the wai. But, FTAC needs to meet more frequently in order to tackle our water crisis. Allocating about 6 hours a year for mostly shady presentations on the status of Red Hill does not do justice to our grave problem. In addition, a solid budget needs to be established to fund more meetings so that we, as a united community, can tackle our water crisis by utilizing the best water experts possible in conjunction with community input at every level.

Please pass SB2093.

Thank you.

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 3:38:51 AM

Testimony for AEN 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,

I **strongly support SB2093**, which strengthens the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee’s ability to address the Red Hill water crisis through increased transparency and accountability.

The Fuel Tank Advisory Committee includes government regulators, elected officials, Navy representatives, and community members, positioning it to play a critical role in protecting O’ahu’s water resources. However, **meeting only twice a year severely limits its effectiveness**. Infrequent, lengthy meetings do not allow for timely updates, meaningful public engagement, or responsive oversight during an ongoing and evolving water crisis.

SB2093 would require FTAC to meet at least **quarterly**, enabling more regular public access, improved transparency, and stronger accountability. These changes are essential to safeguarding our drinking water and restoring public trust.

I respectfully urge you to **PASS SB2093**

**Aloha ‘āina,**

**Kēhau Lucas**

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 7:28:52 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 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.

Mahalo a me ka ha'aha'a,

Malia Marquez

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 8:21:07 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 SB2093.

Such an important committee, formed because of a devastating catastrophe caused by the U.S. Navy, needs to meet (at least!) once a quarter.

After such a disaster, an avoidable one at that, the public should have the right to more timely information and more frequent opportunities to provide input than just twice a year.

The U.S. Navy wasn't keen on transparency over many decades. Now is the time to change that when it comes to anything related to Red Hill.

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 8:34:45 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 SB2093.**

Please pass this bill.

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 9:19:46 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 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 among its members, 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 for FTAC and its members.

I urge you to **PASS** SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Bo Breda

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 9:20:46 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 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 among its members, 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 for FTAC and its members.

I urge you to **PASS** SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Peter Wilson

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 9:24:21 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 SB2093 – Fuel Tank Advisory Committee Transparency and Accountability

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 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 leadership, and community representatives all represented, FTAC has tremendous potential to identify and address the many complex issues and community concerns surrounding the Red Hill water crisis. However, by meeting only twice a year, that potential has been severely limited. Performative presentations during hours-long meetings held just once every six months do not allow for the timely updates, robust discussion, or meaningful public testimony and questioning that are essential to ensuring our water security and protecting the health of present and future generations.

By requiring FTAC to meet at least quarterly, SB2093 will enable more meaningful oversight of this ongoing and evolving crisis. More frequent meetings improve transparency, increase public access, and strengthen accountability—both to impacted communities and to future generations who depend on safe and secure water resources.

I urge you to PASS SB2093.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaleookamahina aka Madonna Dizon



**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 10:39:26 AM

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

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

Comments:

Absolutely support

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 11:24:37 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 SB2093**, to help the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee (FTAC) identify and address the issues and community concerns surrounding our Red Hill water crisis by meeting more often. We need timely updates. The public needs more frequent avenue to testify and ask questions to ensure our present and future water supply and safety for present and future generations.

By meeting quarterly or more, the FTAC will be able to more meaningfully address our ongoing and evolving water crisis with timely updates, public access, transparency, and community accountability for FTAC and its members.

I urge you to **PASS** SB2093 for us and our homeland.

Sincerely,  
Karen Luke

Ewa Beach

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 11:32:09 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 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.

me ke aloha ‘āina,

Nanea Lo

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 12:43:29 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB2093 that requires the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee to hold at least one regular meeting during each calendar quarter. Meeting once per quarter, rather than only twice a year, ensures greater public access, transparency, and accountability in governmental responses to the ongoing Red Hill water crisis.

I urge you to **PASS** SB2093.

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 2:28:32 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 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 among its members, 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 for FTAC and its members.

I urge you to **PASS** SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Christy Shaver

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 2:50:45 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 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 among its members, 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 for FTAC and its members.

I urge you to **PASS** SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Donelle Sawyer

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 3:16:48 PM

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

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

Comments:

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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 Diane Choy Fujimura 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.

Even meeting quarterly is probably not enough to provide adequate, timely, and meaningful public input. But, it's a start and a positive step forward.

I urge you to PASS SB2093.

Sincerely,

Diane Choy Fujimura



**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 3:53:59 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 [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.

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I urge you to **PASS** SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Earl J. Kim

Honolulu, HI 96813

**Meredith Wilson - Written Testimony 1/31/2026**  
**In Support of SB2093**

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 SB2093, which will increase the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee (FTAC) meetings to once a quarter versus current biannual opportunities for the regulators, Navy, and public to have greater transparency and accountability on matters surrounding the Red Hill water contamination and other underground storage tanks.

By meeting only twice a year, FTAC's potential is incredibly limited. There is minimal time for timely updates, robust conversation, and public testimonies or questions that can truly make a difference in the oversight process.

As someone who experienced serious health effects from the 2021 Fuel Spills, FTAC is one of the few remaining venues where I can monitor and participate in ensuring the Navy is held accountable. By adding just (2) more meetings per year, this complex and involved issue can be better resolved. Oversight is vital as Hawaii's future generations depend on a clean environment to sustain life.

I urge you to PASS SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Meredith Wilson

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 5:15:01 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 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 among its members, 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.

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I urge you to **PASS** SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Pahnelopi McKenzie

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 6:21:33 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 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 among its members, 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.

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I urge you to **PASS** SB2093.

Sincerely,

Tia Pearson

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 6:43:00 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 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.

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I urge you to PASS SB2093.

Mahalo,

Kealakai Hammond, Honolulu

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 7:18:17 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 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 among its members, 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.

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I urge you to **PASS** SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Isoda  
Lahaina, Mau'i

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 1/31/2026 10:05:29 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 [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.

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I urge you to PASS SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Madison Owens

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 12:53:55 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 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.

Sincerely,  
Lynda Nishihara



**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 1:32:29 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 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. The FTAC provides a unique platform to engage directly with all of the above parties simultaneously in real time conversation, an opportunity that you would NOT get with the various open houses/"informational meetings" offered by the various agencies where you are merely given a speech and talked at rather than having these important topics open for discussion between the involved agencies and the community. 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 thorough, timely updates, public access, transparency, and community accountability to FTAC and its members. The Department of Health in particular has mentioned that a major reason for not having more meetings is the huge expense of each meeting, in particular the cost of securing an adequate venue, but this can be mitigated to a large degree by having the meetings at DOH facilities. The DOH has also mentioned another reason for not having meetings is the lack of community interest, but this can be explained by the poor timing of the meetings (during weekdays and times when most people are working), lack of ample notice to the public beforehand (meetings are usually announced less than a week in advance), and having the meetings at hard to access locations (expensive parking fees in the downtown area). Community meetings advertised at least two weeks in advance, held at school cafeterias, during

weekends/weekday nights, have drawn hundreds of members of the community (between 300 to 500 people on average). The way to tackle these "issues" is pretty straightforward and should NOT be used as excuses to not hold more meetings!

I urge you to PASS SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Ashley Nishihara

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 5:20:45 AM

Testimony for AEN 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, Maui, HI 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.

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I urge you to require the FTAC to meet at least once a quarter, to 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 for FTAC and its members.

I urge you to **PASS** SB2093.

Sincerely,

Lisa Darcy Kula, Maui, HI

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 8:44:56 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 Courtney Caranguian and I strongly support SB2093, which will help the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee realize its potential in navigating the Red Hill water crisis through greater public transparency and accountability.

With government regulators, state and federal elected officials, Navy leaders, and community representatives, the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee has tremendous potential to identify and address the many issues and community concerns surrounding the Red Hill water crisis.

Protecting our water is a core public trust obligation of the State and is essential to safeguarding the health, culture, and future of Hawai‘i’s people, particularly Native Hawaiians for whom wai is sacred.

However, by meeting only twice a year, FTAC’s potential has been severely limited. Infrequent, hours-long meetings do not allow for timely updates, meaningful discussion, or adequate opportunities for public testimony and questions, especially during an ongoing and evolving crisis.

By requiring FTAC to meet at least once per quarter, this bill will ensure more consistent oversight, transparency, public access, and accountability in the government’s response to the Red Hill water crisis, and will better align that response with the State’s duty to protect water for current and future generations.

I urge you to pass SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Courtney Caranguian

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 8:20:02 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 I strongly support SB2093, which will help the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee realize its potential in navigating the Red Hill water crisis through greater public transparency and accountability.

With government regulators, state and federal elected officials, Navy leaders, and community representatives, the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee has tremendous potential to identify and address the many issues and community concerns surrounding the Red Hill water crisis. Protecting our water is a core public trust obligation of the State and is essential to safeguarding the health, culture, and future of Hawai‘i’s people, particularly Native Hawaiians for whom wai is sacred.

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I urge you to pass SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Sue Alana

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 9:11:36 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 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.

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I urge you to PASS SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Maya Auriemma

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 9:28:16 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 offer my strong support for SB2093 as a critical, practical solution to strengthen our oversight of the Red Hill crisis.

The problem is clear: the current structure of the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee (FTAC)—meeting only twice a year—is inadequate for an ongoing public health and environmental emergency. It creates information delays, limits public engagement, and hinders proactive oversight.

SB2093 provides a direct and effective solution: requiring quarterly meetings. This is not just about adding more meetings; it's about building a functional system of accountability. Here's how I believe this solution works:

1. For the PUBLIC & 'OHANA: It ensures timely information and consistent opportunities to be heard. Trust is built through regular dialogue, not sporadic updates. This is especially vital for protecting our most vulnerable communities and honoring the sacredness of wai in our culture.
2. For the COMMITTEE & AGENCIES: It creates a disciplined, regular forum for progress reports, course-correction, and collaborative problem-solving. This prevents issues from festering for months and allows for steady, measurable action.
3. For the STATE & ITS TRUST DUTY: It transforms the constitutional duty to protect water from a passive principle into an active, operational practice. Consistent oversight is the mechanism that turns promise into protection for all current and future generations of Hawai'i.

This solution works for all because it serves the common goal: transparent, accountable, and effective protection of our sole-source aquifer. Whether you are a Navy family, a Kānaka Maoli cultural practitioner, a state regulator, or a concerned citizen, everyone benefits from a process that is rigorous, responsive, and transparent. Quarterly meetings are a baseline standard of good governance for a crisis of this magnitude.

I urge you to pass SB2093. Let's move from identifying problems to implementing the clear, practical, sensible solutions that will ensure real accountability and restore public trust.

Mahalo nui,

Kahealani Mokuau Scales

Kona, Oahu



**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 9:53:32 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 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 among its members, 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.

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I urge you to **PASS** SB2093.

Shay Chan Hodges

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 11:27:38 AM

Testimony for AEN 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.

C. Burghardt

Nuuanu Oahu

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 11:40:23 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 SB2093, which will strengthen the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee by increasing public transparency and accountability in addressing the Red Hill water crisis. Requiring FTAC to meet at least quarterly will allow for timely updates, meaningful discussion, and community input, ensuring the safety of our water supply for current and future generations. I urge you to pass SB2093.

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 12:41:17 PM

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

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

Comments:

Strongly Support SB 2093

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 SB2093, 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 SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Dana Keawe

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 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.

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I urge you to PASS SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Athan Nguyen.

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 7:42:58 PM

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

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

Comments:

In strong support. Red Hill Fuel Leak is a major issue that needs to be dilligently seen through to complete remediation of the aquifers water quality. This process requires frequent, intentional meetings from the necessary entities.

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 7:47:08 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 and I live in Waimanalo, 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.

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I urge you to PASS SB2093.

Sincerely,

Ke‘ili McEvilly

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 9:50:16 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 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.

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I urge you to PASS SB2093.

Sincerely,

Maggie McKay



**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 8:53:44 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 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.

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I urge you to PASS SB2093.

Kind regards,

Raquel Alicia

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 10:33:03 PM

Testimony for AEN 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,

My name is Riley Herron 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.

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I urge you to PASS SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Riley Herron

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 10:34:43 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 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.

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I urge you to **PASS** SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Emily Gambino

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/1/2026 10:59:40 PM

Testimony for AEN 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 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.

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I urge you to **PASS SB2093**.

Sincerely,  
Richard Kite

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 3:02:17 AM

Testimony for AEN 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, to help us provide greater accountability and transparency regarding the status of efforts to address the damages caused by the Red Hill spill.

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 7:29:14 AM

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

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

Comments:

Dear 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 am Robert Nawahine Mansfield, Jr. 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.

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

Sincerely,

Robert Nawahine Mansfield, Jr.

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 8:20:42 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 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.

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I urge you to PASS SB2093.

Me ke mahalo piha,  
Raquel S. Runnels

**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 8:49:47 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gabrielle Rochon	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 Gabrielle Rochon 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.

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I urge you to PASS SB2093.

Sincerely,  
Gabrielle Rochon



**SB-2093**

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 9:25:54 AM

Testimony for AEN 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 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.

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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.

Sincerely,

Marshall Hung

**SB-2093**

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Tuyet Nguyen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Nakamoto David	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is David Nakamoto 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.

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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 SB2093. This bill, if enacted, would greatly increase the effectiveness of the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee (FTAC)

The FTAC is tasked with monitoring and reporting on the progress of the remediation of the 2021 fuel tank contamination. It needs to meet and report more frequently:- every three months, instead of every six months- in order to facilitate greater transparency and progress.

I urge you to PASS SB2093!!

Mahalo nui!

Cheryl O. Ho, Nu‘uanu