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Testimony of
RYAN K.P. KANAKA'OLE
Acting Chairperson

Before the House Committee on
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Tuesday, February 17, 2026
9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1926, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO RED HILL

House Bill 1926, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate funds to the Red Hill Remediation Special Fund to support studies on remediation, environmental monitoring and testing, groundwater modeling and sampling, and independent testing and verification of water data related to substances released from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. The measure also requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to seek reimbursement from the United States Department of Defense for these costs. **The Department supports this measure and offers the following comments.**

The State of Hawai'i (State) has a constitutional duty to conserve and protect its natural resources, including wai. As stewards of the State's groundwater aquifers and ecosystems, the Department recognizes that while defueling the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility marked a significant milestone, decades of research, remediation, and monitoring remain necessary to restore 'āina and rebuild public trust.

Act 197, Session Laws of Hawai'i (SLH) 2025, codified as Section 174E, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), directs the Department to facilitate implementation and monitoring of the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative (WAI) initiatives identified in the WAI's November 2023 report. This measure supports that work by funding coordinated research and monitoring to inform post-defueling remediation, assess ecosystem health in the surrounding ahupua'a, and strengthen public information throughout remediation phases. The approach developed through these projects may also inform place-based, multi-stakeholder responses to other complex, multi-jurisdictional contamination impacts to the environment statewide.

If funded, the Department will implement this work in collaboration with stakeholders and research teams from the University of Hawai'i (UH), including the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST) Departments of Oceanography and Earth Sciences; SOEST research institutes and centers such as the Hawai'i Institute of Geophysics and Planetology (HIGP), Pacific Biosciences Research Center (PBRC), and Hawai'i Sea Grant Ulana 'Ike Center of Excellence; the UH Departments of Civil, Environmental and Construction Engineering (CECE), Geography, and Natural Resources and Environmental Management (NREM); the UH Water Resources Research Center (WRRC); UH Community Colleges (Leeward and Honolulu); and the U.S Geological Survey Pacific Islands Water Science Center.

The Department also appreciates the measure's reimbursement requirement that reinforces federal responsibility while allowing the State to proceed without delay on priority initiatives.

For these reasons, the Department respectfully supports House Bill 1926, House Draft 1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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February 17, 2026

The Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Chair
and Members
House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 325
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Lowen and Members:

Subject: House Bill 1926, HD1: Relating to Red Hill

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) is in strong support of House Bill (HB) 1926, House Draft (HD) 1, which appropriates funds for studies on remediation of substances released from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility; environmental monitoring and testing; research on groundwater modeling and sampling; and independent testing and verification of water data, to be published on a public dashboard. This measure also requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to seek reimbursement from the United States Department of Defense.

Based on the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative (WAI) Report published in November 2023, it was estimated that up to 1.94 million gallons of fuel have spilled into the environment at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (Facility) over its 80 years of operation. This estimate does not even include the known and unknown hazardous materials that have been released, such as the 1,300 gallons of aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) concentrate that contains per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances on November 29, 2022.

BWS is deeply grateful to the past and current administration, in which under Act 164 (2023, Session Laws of Hawai'i) and Act 250 (2025, Session Laws of Hawai'i), a total of \$12 million in general obligation bond funds were awarded to BWS to install monitoring wells and an exploratory well to meet future potable water demands. To date, \$10 million dollars of this funding has been used toward construction of three monitoring wells and one exploratory well. The remaining \$2 million dollars has been allocated to future monitoring wells that are currently in design.

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Although the Facility was defueled in 2024 and is in the process of being decommissioned for permanent closure, the type, volume, and location of past releases and its impact to the environment and underground sole source aquifer remains largely unknown. Funds appropriated from this bill will support the Red Hill WAI's goals, in studies into the full characterization of our sole source aquifer, additional environmental monitoring and testing, and further enhance ongoing research in groundwater modeling that will help expedite the full remediation of our environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 1926, HD 1.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ernest Y. W. Lau".

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



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

February 17, 2026

9:30 AM

Conference Room 325

In **SUPPORT** of **HB1926 HD1**: RELATING TO RED HILL

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee,

On behalf of our over 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **SUPPORTS HB1926 HD1**, which would provide funding for remediation research and for independent expert review and assessment of water data collected as part of the governmental Red Hill response effort.

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. In terms of remediation research, 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 Navy's "soil vapor extraction" pilot program will have no effect on the contamination plume in O'ahu's sole-source aquifer.** It is clear that we cannot wait for the Navy to clean up its mess in a timely manner, and must take the initiative to protect our water future.

This measure would accordingly fund groundwater monitoring and remediation research, both critically needed to ensure our present and future generations do not inherit a contaminated aquifer that was poisoned on our watch. It will also provide for independent expert review and assessment of highly technical water data and to make such assessments accessible to the public. This latter investment is particularly necessary given the myriad and ongoing "irregularities" in the Navy's water testing procedures, which have severely eroded public confidence in the integrity of their water monitoring efforts.

Accordingly, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i urges the Committee to **PASS** HB1926 HD1. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.



Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

To: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Rep. Nicole E. Lowen, Chair; Rep. Amy A. Perruso, Vice Chair

**Rep. Cory M. Chun Rep. Sean Quinlan Rep. Kirstin Kahaloa Rep. Lauren Matsumoto
Rep. Matthias Kusch**

Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 **TIME:** 9:30 a.m. **PLACE:** VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE & Conference Room 325

TESTIMONY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAUCUS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I IN SUPPORT OF HB1926 HD1 Relating to Red Hill

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i **strongly supports HB1926 HD1**, which appropriates funds for essential studies, monitoring, modeling, and independent verification related to contamination from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

The Red Hill disaster remains one of the most significant threats to O'ahu's drinking water in our lifetime. HB1926 HD1 provides the resources necessary to ensure that Hawai'i has accurate, transparent, and independently verified scientific data to guide remediation and protect public health.

This measure funds:

- Studies on remediation of petroleum, chemical, and PFAS contamination released from the Red Hill facility
- Environmental monitoring and testing to track contamination over time
- Groundwater modeling and sampling research to understand plume movement and aquifer vulnerability
- Independent testing and verification of water data, with results published on a public dashboard accessible to all residents

These components are critical. The public must have access to independent, science-based information, not solely data produced by the responsible federal agency. A

transparent public dashboard ensures accountability and restores trust after years of uncertainty and conflicting information.

The Caucus also supports the bill's requirement that the Department of Land and Natural Resources seek reimbursement from the U.S. Department of Defense. Hawai'i taxpayers should not bear the cost of addressing contamination caused by federal military operations. Reimbursement is both appropriate and necessary.

Protecting our aquifer is a matter of public health, environmental justice, and intergenerational responsibility. HB1926 HD1 provides the scientific foundation and transparency needed to ensure that remediation is effective and that the people of Hawai'i remain fully informed.

For these reasons, the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i respectfully urges the Committee to pass HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Environmental Caucus Democratic Party of Hawai'i

LATE



Rep. Nicole E. Lowen Chair
Rep. Amy A. Perruso, Vice Chair
Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Tuesday, February 17, 2026
9:30AM Conference Room 325

RE: HB1926 HD1 - Relating to Red Hill

Dear Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Chamber of Sustainable Commerce and our members and supporters statewide, we respectfully SUPPORT HB1926 HD1. The Chamber of Sustainable Commerce represents more than 580 small businesses, sole proprietors and entrepreneurs across Hawai'i committed to a triple bottom line: people, planet and prosperity.

More than four years after the Red Hill fuel release, Hawai'i still lacks a clear, comprehensive, and independently validated remediation strategy to restore and protect O'ahu's sole-source aquifer. Clean, safe water is not only a public health necessity—it is the foundation of a resilient economy. Agriculture, food systems, hospitality, healthcare, and small businesses across sectors depend on long-term water security.

HB1926 HD1 would provide critical funding for groundwater monitoring and remediation research, ensuring that Hawai'i does not pass forward a contaminated aquifer to future generations. Investing in locally directed research strengthens our capacity to understand plume behavior, evaluate remediation technologies, and develop science-based solutions tailored to our unique island hydrogeology.

Equally important, this measure funds independent expert review and public assessment of water quality data generated as part of the Red Hill response. Given ongoing public concern and documented irregularities in testing procedures, independent technical review is essential to restoring community trust and ensuring transparency. Sound policy and economic stability depend on credible, publicly accessible science.

Water insecurity creates economic uncertainty. Protecting O'ahu's aquifer protects jobs, businesses, property values, and long-term community wellbeing.

HB1926 HD1 is a prudent investment in public health, environmental stewardship, and economic resilience. We strongly urge your support.

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KA LĀHUI HAWAI‘I

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 1926 HD1 RELATING TO RED HILL

Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

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Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

Ka Lāhui Hawai‘i strongly supports HB 1926 HD1

.I submit this testimony not just as an advocate, but as a community organizer who has sat with families impacted by the Red Hill contamination — families who could not bathe their keiki, drink from their taps, or trust the water coming into their homes. For our communities, this is not abstract policy. This is lived experience.

HB 1926 HD1 appropriates funds for remediation studies, environmental monitoring and testing, groundwater modeling, and independent testing and verification of water data

These protections are necessary. For decades, fuel releases at Red Hill have threatened O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer. The 2021 crisis exposed what many of us already knew — that our drinking water system was placed at risk.

We cannot move forward without independent oversight and transparent data. Community trust has been broken. Independent water testing, expert review of Navy-reported data, and public dashboards are necessary to rebuild that trust.

As Kanaka Maoli, we understand wai as life. Wai is not simply a utility. It is sacred, ancestral, and sustains every family on this island. When wai is contaminated, it is not only an environmental issue — it is a violation of our collective right to health, safety, and dignity.

We also support the provision requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources to seek reimbursement from the Department of Defense. Hawai‘i taxpayers should not bear the financial burden of military contamination. The polluter must pay.

This bill is about accountability and making sure the science is independent and transparent. It is about protecting our aquifer for future generations.

We urge you to pass HB 1926 HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Healani Sonoda-Pale
On behalf of Ka Lāhui Hawai‘i

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/11/2026 4:23:13 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carolyn Eaton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Carolyn Eaton and I am a resident of Oahu.

I give my strong support to this funding measure to use State funds and proceed with care to sample, test and monitor over time the groundwater affected by leaks at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, which occurred under supervision of the U.S. Navy. The data collected will be made public, available by digital access as it accumulates. The Department of Land and Natural Resources will be required to seek reimbursement for costs to the Hawaii taxpayers for all the research measures undertaken pursuant to this bill, which insure the safety of our drinking water.

Mahalo for your hard work. I appreciate the opportunity to testify.

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/11/2026 6:19:20 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this important bill. Mahalo.

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/11/2026 11:14:53 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, SUPPORT

1926 HB RELATING TO RED HILL.

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/12/2026 5:37:10 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair and Members of the Committee,

I strongly support this bill to address the ongoing risks posed by the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. The November 2021 fuel spill highlighted the urgent need for action to protect our drinking water and environment. The Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative has provided clear recommendations to prevent future spills and remediate damage, and this legislation takes an essential step toward implementing those solutions.

By adopting these measures, we prioritize the health of our residents, safeguard our natural resources, and ensure that such a preventable crisis never threatens our community again. I urge you to pass this bill for the safety and well-being of all Hawaii residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Kealii Pang

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/12/2026 10:36:13 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Strong Support HB1926 HD1

Dana Keawe

Moku o Keawe

**Testimony Presented Before the House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
February 17, 2026, 9:30 am | Conference Room 325**

HB 1926-HD1 – RELATING TO RED HILL

Testifier: Yinphan Tsang **Position:** Hydrologist at University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the committees:

I am writing in **strong support** of HB 1926, which proposes essential funding for remediation research, environmental monitoring, and transparent data verification. I am testifying in my individual capacity as a Hydrologist and researcher at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

For the past four years, a significant part of my work has focused specifically on monitoring Halawa Stream. This research is vital for understanding current stream biodiversity and, crucially, the potential long-term effects of **Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) discharge** on the health of the stream ecosystem.

This measure is critical because:

- **Impact of Remediation:** While GAC is a necessary tool for treating contaminated water, we must monitor the resulting discharge to ensure we aren't trading one environmental issue for another. My research provides the baseline data needed to protect the diverse species and habitats within Halawa Stream.
- **Complex Hydrology and Connected Systems:** As a hydrologist, I can attest that contaminant transport through surface and subsurface water paths is incredibly complex. It can take years for the full breadth of impacts on ecosystem processes and organisms, such as fish and algae, to emerge, making long-term monitoring efforts critical. Continuous environmental monitoring and testing are the only ways to ensure ecosystem health.
- **Scientific Accountability:** The public dashboard funded by this bill ensures that our findings are not just academic but are used to build public trust through transparent, verified data.



The University of Hawai‘i is the only entity with the local expertise and public-interest mandate to conduct this long-term oversight. I urge you to pass HB 1926 to ensure the continued protection and stewardship of our irreplaceable water resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

Testimony of
Donald Thomas, Ph.D.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

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DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 2026
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1926
RELATING TO RED HILL

I respectfully submit this testimony **in support of House Bill 1926 HD1** which proposes the appropriation of funds to the Red Hill Remediation Special Fund to support studies on remediation, environmental monitoring and testing, groundwater modeling and sampling, and independent testing and verification of water data related to substances released from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

The work proposed under this appropriation will lay the foundation of a long-term program of remediation and restoration of the aquifers impacted by past fuel and contaminant releases from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. The work is intended to provide information on where the aquifers have been contaminated, what methods can cost-effectively be implemented to remediate residual fuel in the subsurface, and what the ecological impacts have been, and are, occurring as a result of the past contamination events.

For the past decade I have been providing subject matter expertise to the staff of the DLNR Commission on Water Resources Management as well as to the Department of Health Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch to assist them in understanding the hydrogeology of the Red Hill region and the risks posed by prior releases. I would anticipate that this work will be performed in close collaboration and coordination with these agencies to ensure that the results of the planned investigations can be

incorporated into the actions and policy decisions of these agencies to the benefit of the communities impacted by past fuel and contaminant releases from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

Although I am affiliated with the School of Ocean and Earth Sciences and Technology (SOEST) at the University of Hawaii, this testimony is mine alone and does not reflect an official position of the University of Hawaii or SOEST.

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 11:30:10 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Noel Shaw and I am from Kalāwahine Hawaiian Homestead. I am writing in SUPPORT of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability, regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. Most concernedly, there also has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.

Clearly, we need much greater state-level investments in remediation research, independent groundwater modeling and environmental testing, objective expert assessments of Navy water testing procedures and data analyses, and public engagement, to protect our children, grandchildren and future generations from having to live with the constant threat of water insecurity and contamination. HB1926 HD1 would provide for these necessary investments, while making clear our expectation that the federal government will reimburse us for any expenses Hawai‘i incurs in cleaning up the Navy’s mess. Additionally, clear records kept on how much the state invests in creating these accountability systems should be kept. There will come a time when billing the military for their failures to do this work will need to be brought forth.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to PASS HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Noel Shaw

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 11:36:28 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jason Alexander	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong SUPPORT of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability, regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. Most concernedly, there also has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.

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Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to PASS HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 12:09:47 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

It is critical we ensure that steps are taken for the full remediation of our lands and waters contaminated by the Navy's Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. Please pass this very important measure.

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 12:26:02 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lucienne de Naie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HD1 version of HB1926. I come from a family of US Navy veterans. It is sad to see the service branch where many of my family members (fatherr, uncles, brother) served try to shirk accountability for monitoring and clean-up of the lands and water supplies contaminated by the Navy's Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. T

It is so frustrating to the average working family to see the real health threats they face ignored as the Navy fails to follow-up on “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, and to answer questions citizens bring up at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings.

More recently, the Navy reps have dropped any pretense of seeking input, and just refuse to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. We need the Navy to step up and commit to the a meaningful investment in research in the technologies that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.

Please listen to the people and pass this bill to start investment in the processes that will clean up our aquifer and help prevent future water shortages. This is a model that will benefit polluted aquifers across our state.

mahalo for your consideration

Lucienne de naie, Huelo, Maui, Hawaii

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 3:14:17 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nakoʻolani Warrington	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT of HB 1926 HD 1

We, Kūpuna for the Mo‘opuna, a hui of Hawaiian Homes Commission Act kūpuna beneficiary farmers from Pana‘ewa, Hawai‘i, **testify in SUPPORT of HB 1926 HD1.**

HB 1926 HD 1 would provide for necessary investments to protect our precious wai and ‘āina while making clear that the federal government must reimburse us for any expenses Hawai‘i incurs in cleaning up the Navy’s mess. Hold the Navy accountable!

Support and Pass HB 1926 HD 1. Mahalo.

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 8:38:21 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Madison Owens, and I am writing in SUPPORT of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and, most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. Most concerning, there has also been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.

Clearly, we need much greater state-level investments in remediation research, independent groundwater modeling and environmental testing, objective expert assessments of Navy water testing procedures and data analyses, and public engagement, to protect our children, grandchildren and future generations from having to live with the constant threat of water insecurity and contamination. HB1926 HD1 would provide for these necessary investments, while making clear our expectation that the federal government will reimburse us for any expenses Hawai‘i incurs in cleaning up the Navy’s mess.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to PASS HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Madison Owens

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 9:19:51 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaila Manuel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kaila Manuel, and I am writing in SUPPORT of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability, regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and, most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. Most concerning, there has also been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research to clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.

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Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to PASS HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Kaila Manuel

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 10:00:10 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lauren Ballesteros-Watanabe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Lauren, and I am writing in **SUPPORT of HB1926 HD1.**

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Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to **PASS HB1926 HD1.**

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Lauren Ballesteros-Watanabe

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 10:08:27 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Christy Shaver and I am writing in SUPPORT of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability, regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. Most concernedly, there also has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.

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Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to PASS HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Christy Shaver

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 10:12:04 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anne Lorenzo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, am e Members of the Committee,

My name is Anne M. Lorenzo, and I am writing in SUPPORT of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and, most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. Most concerning, there has also been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.

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Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Anne M. Lorenzo

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 11:20:33 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support this bill.

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 12:47:26 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Plowman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support!

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 1:10:18 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

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Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to **PASS** HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Pahnelopi McKenzie

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 1:14:43 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Georgia Hoopes, and I am writing in SUPPORT of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and, most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. Most concerning, there has also been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.

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Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to PASS HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Georgia Hoopes, Kalaheo

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 1:23:56 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Bo Breda, and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability, regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. **Most concernedly, there also has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.**

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Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to **PASS** HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Bo Breda

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 1:25:27 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Peter Wilson, and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability, regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. **Most concernedly, there also has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.**

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Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to **PASS** HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Peter Wilson

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 1:34:01 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Andrew Isoda, and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability, regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. **Most concernedly, there also has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.**

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Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to **PASS** HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Andrew Isoda

Lahaina, Mau'i

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 1:58:15 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1.

As a citizen of our islands who has been following the Red Hill crisis, I ask that we do whatever we can to hold the US Govt. and the Navy accountable for their actions. It is reprehensible that they continue to dodge their responsibility. Kuleana comes with holding space on our islands and the Navy has taken no steps to take to fulfill those responsibilities. We only have our limited resources here and we are the ones who are left with the fall out from their mistakes and neglect.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and, most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. Most concerning, there has also been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.

We **need** much greater state-level investments in remediation research, independent groundwater modeling and environmental testing, objective expert assessments of Navy water testing procedures and data analyses, and public engagement, to protect our children, grandchildren and future generations from having to live with the constant threat of water insecurity and contamination.

HB1926 HD1 would provide for these necessary investments, while making clear our expectation that the federal government will reimburse us for any expenses Hawai‘i incurs in cleaning up the Navy’s mess.

I respectfully urge you to PASS HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Cheryl Burghardt

Nuuanu Oahu

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 2:04:25 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kahealani, and I am writing in SUPPORT of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and, most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. Most concerning, there has also been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.

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Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to PASS HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Kahealani

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 2:18:42 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Gorman-Chang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

Susan Gorman-Chang ko’u inoa and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1. In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability, regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. **Most concernedly, there also has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O’ahu’s sole-source aquifer.**

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Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to **PASS** HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Susan Gorman-Chang

Ewa Beach, HI

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 3:40:02 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB1926 HD1.

There is an ongoing need for greater investment in research and independent assessment to address the contamination from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. HB1926 HD1 would provide funding for remediation research, groundwater modeling, environmental testing, and public engagement—critical steps to protect O‘ahu’s water for future generations. The bill also reinforces that Hawai‘i expects federal reimbursement for cleanup costs.

I respectfully urge you to PASS HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,
Ezgi Green

Waialua, O'ahu

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 3:42:12 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keri Zacher	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Keri Zacher, and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability, regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. **Most concernedly, there also has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.**

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Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to **PASS** HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely, Keri Zacher

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 3:43:40 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
malcolm mackey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Malcolm Mackey, and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability, regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. **Most concernedly, there also has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.**

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Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to **PASS** HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Mackey

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 3:59:40 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support HB1926 HD1.

The Navy has failed to provide transparency or accountability for the contamination linked to the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. Serious questions remain about irregularities in water testing and reporting, the handling of critical samples, and the lack of meaningful engagement with the community. There has also been little effort toward real remediation research to clean O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.

HB1926 HD1 would fund independent research, groundwater modeling, environmental testing, and expert review, while making clear that the federal government must reimburse Hawai‘i for cleanup costs.

For the protection of our water, our keiki, and future generations, I urge you to pass HB1926 HD1.

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 4:26:19 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keli'i Ioane	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Keli'i Ioane, and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability, regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the 'āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless "irregularities" in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. **Most concernedly, there also has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O'ahu's sole-source aquifer.**

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Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to **PASS** HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 5:21:18 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

/mdAloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Diane Choy Fujimura, and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability, regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. **Most concernedly, there also has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.**

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Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to **PASS** HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Diane Choy Fujimura

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 5:34:03 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mahealani Kamau	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Māhealani Kamau, and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability, regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. **Most concernedly, there also has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.**

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Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to **PASS** HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Regards,

Māhealani Kamau

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 6:15:59 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisette Akamine	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha nui e Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

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HB1926 HD1 would provide for these necessary investments, while making clear our expectation that the federal government will reimburse us for any expenses Hawai‘i incurs in cleaning up the Navy’s mess.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to PASS HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Na‘u nō,

Lisette Puanani Akamine

Kahalu‘u, O‘ahu

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Submitted on: 2/16/2026 6:31:59 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
irene kloepfer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Yes we need these funds to clean up our aina from red hill polluters. We would not need this if the navy were responsible but alas they are not. So it is up to everyone of us to malama the aina. Please do your part and pass this bill. Mahalo

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 7:31:40 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is **Nanea Lo**, and I am writing in strong support of **HB1926 HD1**.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the **United States Navy** to evade public scrutiny and community accountability regarding its monitoring and clean-up of ‘āina and wai contaminated by the **Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility**. These actions include refusing to fully explain numerous irregularities in water sampling and reporting, failing to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned both its water system and our aquifer, declining to answer questions raised during **Fuel Tank Advisory Committee** meetings, and most recently, refusing to meet with the **Red Hill Community Representation Initiative**.

Most concerning is the continued lack of meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that could actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer. This inaction places our communities at ongoing risk and perpetuates uncertainty about the long-term safety of our drinking water.

It is clear that Hawai‘i must make greater state-level investments in remediation research, independent groundwater modeling and environmental testing, objective expert assessments of Navy water testing procedures and data analysis, and meaningful public engagement. These efforts are essential to protecting our children, grandchildren, and future generations from the constant threat of water insecurity and contamination.

HB1926 HD1 would provide for these necessary investments while clearly establishing the expectation that the federal government reimburse Hawai‘i for any costs incurred in cleaning up the Navy’s contamination. This measure affirms that accountability matters—and that the burden of fixing this crisis must not fall on the people of Hawai‘i.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to **PASS HB1926 HD1**.

me ke aloha ‘āina,

Nanea Lo, 96826

Sierra Club of Hawai'i Member

Hawai'i Workers Center Board Member

Honolulu Tenants Union Member

350 Hawai'i Member

Carbon Cashback Hawai'i Member

Hawai'i Tax Fairness Coalition Member

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 7:44:39 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 8:25:02 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is **Malia Marquez** and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the 'āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and, most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. **Most concerning, there has also been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.**

Clearly, we need much greater state-level investments in remediation research, independent groundwater modeling and environmental testing, objective expert assessments of Navy water testing procedures and data analyses, and public engagement, to protect our children, grandchildren and future generations from having to live with the constant threat of water insecurity and contamination. HB1926 HD1 would provide for these necessary investments, while making clear our expectation that the federal government will reimburse us for any expenses Hawai‘i incurs in cleaning up the Navy’s mess.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to **PASS** HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Malia Marquez

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 8:49:28 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Nelson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of this bill.

Thank you so much.

Elizabeth Nelson

Kaneohe

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 8:57:07 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
jeanne wheeler	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha: please pass this greatly needed bill for our future health! Mahalo, JW

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 9:04:59 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Shay Chan Hodges, and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability, regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. **Most concernedly, there also has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.**

Clearly, we need much greater state-level investments in remediation research, independent groundwater modeling and environmental testing, objective expert assessments of Navy water testing procedures and data analyses, and public engagement, to protect our children, grandchildren and future generations from having to live with the constant threat of water insecurity and contamination. HB1926 HD1 would provide for these necessary investments, while making clear our expectation that the federal government will reimburse us for any expenses Hawai‘i incurs in cleaning up the Navy’s mess.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to **PASS** HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

--Shay Chan Hodges

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Submitted on: 2/16/2026 8:51:02 PM
Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Reese Liggett	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is William Reese Liggett, and I am writing in **strong opposition** to HB1673 HD1.

The latest draft of this measure would needlessly remove a critical and common sense state-level protection against the placement of future landfills above drinking water aquifers on O‘ahu. As we continue to navigate the Red Hill water crisis, it is incumbent upon all of us to do what it takes to protect what water sources we have left from foreseeable future contamination, if we wish to do right by our islands and the future generations who will inhabit them long after we are gone. Accordingly, the legislature rightly passed a law last year to prevent the siting of landfills above O‘ahu’s drinking water aquifers, given the inevitability of a landfill’s highly toxic leachate eventually contaminating any underlying groundwater. Please do not roll back this critical protection by passing this measure as drafted.

While there may or may not now be an additional layer of protection provided by City’s recognition of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply’s “no-pass zone,” this is no reason for the legislature to abdicate its own responsibility to safeguard our precious wai, and that of our children, grandchildren, and future generations. **As we saw just last year, the tremendous pressure that may be placed on current and future city administrations and current and future chief engineers of the Board of Water Supply could very well lead to city-level decisions to site a landfill above a drinking water aquifer, if this measure is passed.**

I respectfully urge you to **HOLD HB1673 HD1.**

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
William Reese Liggett

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/16/2026 9:24:14 PM
Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Councilmember Tamara Paltin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e Chair and members,

I am writing in support of HB1926 HD 1. There has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O'ahu's sole-source aquifer.

Clearly we need much greater state-level investments in remediation research, independent groundwater modeling and environmental testing, objective expert assessments of Navy water testing procedures and data analyses and public engagement, to protect future generations from having to live with the constant threat of water insecurity and contamination. Water is the source of all life and it is limited and at risk of contamination throughout the Hawaiian islands. HB1926 HD1 would provide for these necessary investments, while making clear our expectation that the federal government will reimburse expenses Hawai'i incurs in cleaning up the Navy's desecration.

I respectfully urge you to PASS HB1926 HD1

Mahalo for your service to our communities and for the opportunity to testify.

Tamara Paltin

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Athan Nguyen, and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the 'āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless "irregularities" in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and, most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. **Most concerning, there has also been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O'ahu's sole-source aquifer.**

Clearly, we need much greater state-level investments in remediation research, independent groundwater modeling and environmental testing, objective expert assessments of Navy water testing procedures and data analyses, and public engagement, to protect our children, grandchildren, and future generations from having to live with the constant threat of water insecurity and contamination. HB1926 HD1 would provide for these necessary investments, while making clear our expectation that the federal government will reimburse us for any expenses Hawai'i incurs in cleaning up the Navy's mess.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to **PASS** HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Athan, Nguyen.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2026 10:47:43 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Martina Kamaka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Martina Kamaka and I am a family physician and faculty at JABSOM. I am writing in SUPPORT of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability, regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. Most concernedly, there also has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.

Clearly, we need much greater state-level investments in remediation research, independent groundwater modeling and environmental testing, objective expert assessments of Navy water testing procedures and data analyses, and public engagement, to protect our children, grandchildren and future generations from having to live with the constant threat of water insecurity and contamination. HB1926 HD1 would provide for these necessary investments, while making clear our expectation that the federal government will reimburse us for any expenses Hawai‘i incurs in cleaning up the Navy’s mess.

Therefore, I respectfully urge you to PASS HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Martina Kamaka, MD

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HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 10:58:01 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the Committee.

My name is David Nakamoto, and I am writing in **SUPPORT of HB1926 HD1.**

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the 'aina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless "irregularities" in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings and, most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. **Most concerning, there has also been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within Oahu's sole-source aquifer.**

Clearly, we need much greater state-level investments in remediation research, independent groundwater modeling and environmental testing, objective expert assessments of Navy water testing procedures and data analyses, and public engagement, to protect our children, grandchildren and future generations from having to live with the constant threat of water insecurity and contamination. HB1926 HD1 would provide for these necessary investments, while making clear our expectation that the federal government will reimburse us for any expenses Hawaii incurs in cleaning up the Navy's mess.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to **PASS HB 1926 HD1.**

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

David Nakamoto

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HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 11:18:49 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1.

We can only depend on you to protect our wai, so please pass HB1926 HD1.

Thank you.

Meredith Wilson – 2/17/2026

Testimony in Support of HB1926 HD1 - Funding for the Red Hill WAI

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Meredith Wilson, and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1.

The Navy's operation of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility since the 1940s has resulted in voluminous spills of jet fuel and other contaminants into Oahu's sole source aquifer. Along with weak oversight and enforcement by the USEPA & HDOH, the Navy also allowed at least 19,000gal of JP-5 to enter the drinking water distribution system serving 93,000 people in 2021, sickening many.

A stark lack of accountability remains for the Navy's serious violation of our wai and even their own service members, their families, and innocent civilians. The Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative (WAI) is a critical and useful entity that can produce meaningful research and conduct vital independent testing where the Navy continues to fail.

By way of the military's chosen contractors, there exist serious sampling and reporting irregularities in their monitoring of the groundwater. As presented during a [National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine webinar](#) in September last year, missing samples, retesting, and underreporting were confirmed by experts.

The Red Hill WAI stands as the State's best hope in monitoring, analyzing, and communicating the risks of the contaminated aquifer.

Please approve of any funding available to DLNR for their much-needed efforts.

Mahalo,
-Meredith Wilson

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Submitted on: 2/17/2026 6:29:45 AM
Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noelle Lindenmann	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in SUPPORT of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability, regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. Most concernedly, there also has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.

Clearly, we need much greater state-level investments in remediation research, independent groundwater modeling and environmental testing, objective expert assessments of Navy water testing procedures and data analyses, and public engagement, to protect our children, grandchildren and future generations from having to live with the constant threat of water insecurity and contamination. HB1926 HD1 would provide for these necessary investments, while making clear our expectation that the federal government will reimburse us for any expenses Hawai‘i incurs in cleaning up the Navy’s mess.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to PASS HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Noelle Lindenmann, Kailua-Kona

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Submitted on: 2/17/2026 7:23:45 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Gabrielle Kics, and I am writing in SUPPORT of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and, most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. Most concerning, there has also been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.

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Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to PASS HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Gabrielle Kics

LATE

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Testimony for EEP on 2/17/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Arika Hultquist	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Arika Hultquist, and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1.

In recent months, we have seen continued efforts by the Navy to evade public scrutiny and community accountability, regarding its monitoring and clean-up of the ‘āina and wai contaminated by its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This includes a refusal to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting, to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned its water system as well as our aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. **Most concernedly, there also has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.**

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Mahalo,

Arika Hultquist