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

Before the House Committee on  
FINANCE

Tuesday, March 3, 2026  
10:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

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.



OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

‘Ōlelo Hō‘ike ‘Aha Kau Kānāwai

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1926 HD1**

RELATING TO RED HILL

Ke Kōmike Hale o ka ‘Oihana ‘Imi Kālā

Ke Kapikala o Hawai‘i

Malaki 3, 2026

10:00AM

Lumi 308

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Aloha e Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi , and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS HB1926 HD1**, which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to conduct studies on remediation, groundwater modeling, and independent expert review and assessment of water data.

Since time immemorial, Native Hawaiians have understood wai as the foundation of life and wellbeing. The Hawai‘i State Constitution’s public trust doctrine enshrines and advances this principle by mandating the state manage Hawai‘i’s water resources for the benefit of present and *future* generations. *See* Art. XI, § 1.

It has been over five years since the large Red Hill spill in November 2021, and subsequent contamination of our aquifer and the Navy’s water system. The state of Hawai‘i must take action to fulfill its constitutional duties to protect wai as a public trust resource, and uphold the principle of mālama ‘āina that reflects our kuleana to future generations.

The defueling of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (Red Hill Facility) and the current decommissioning process is a significant milestone in repairing the catastrophic harm done to wai, ‘āina, and the people of O‘ahu. However, the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative (WAI) Report published in November 2023 estimated between 664,000 and 1.94 million gallons of fuel have spilled into the environment at the Red Hill Facility over its 80 years of operation. This measure allocates funds for the critical work necessary for full remediation; environmental monitoring and testing; research on groundwater modeling;

and independent testing and verification of water data that will be publicly accessible and transparently published.

OHA also appreciates while this measure appropriates state funds for research and remediation to occur in a timely manner, in directing DLNR to pursue reimbursement from the federal government it recognizes the responsibility for the contamination and its consequences ultimately lies with the United States Navy, the Department of Defense, and the federal government.

OHA respectfully urges the Committee to **PASS HB1926 HD1**. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this critical issue. Ola i ka wai!



**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

**‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII**

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Finance  
Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

By

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and

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Dean, College of Engineering

and

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HB 1926 HD1 – RELATING TO RED HILL

Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i Water Resources Research Center (UH WRRC) and College of Engineering (UH Engineering) support the intent of HB 1926 HD1. This measure proposes to appropriate 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.

The UH WRRC and UH Engineering are committed to coordinating with other UH units to support the studies should adequate funds be appropriated. Groundwater is the most important drinking water resource for Hawai'i, and its protection is at core of UH WRRC's missions. UH Engineering has extensive research expertise on soil and groundwater remediation and works closely with Hawai'i's environmental engineering communities. UH WRRC and UH Engineering welcomes the opportunity to support the remediation and long-term stewardship of the precious groundwater resource of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these measures.

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March 3, 2026

The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair  
and Members  
House Committee on Finance  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 308  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Todd 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.

The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair  
and Members  
March 3, 2026  
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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', is positioned above the printed name.

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



March 3, 2026

TESTIMONY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS  
To the House Committee on Finance  
In Support of

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**HB1926 HD1 - RELATING TO RED HILL**

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the committee:

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs submits testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1 Relating to Red Hill which would appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the implementation of the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative findings related to environmental studies and remediation.

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 continue.

Jet fuel and fuel additives have contaminated our wai, poisoning a precious resource and numerous people. Funding the studies recommended by the Red Hill WAI will help determine appropriate and expedient actions to ensure the environmental remediation of the Red Hill jet

fuel spills. Protection of our wai is critical to ensuring that we have safe water to serve current and future generations of Native Hawaiians and Hawai'i citizens.

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.

# ***ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS***

## ***A RESOLUTION***

NO. 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**

WHEREAS, wai (water) is one of the most valuable resources for island communities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy) operates a Bulk Fuel Storage Facility at Kapūkakī (Red Hill) consisting of 20 single-walled underground storage tanks, each with a capacity of 12.5 million gallons, totaling up to 250 million gallons of fuel storage; and

WHEREAS, these tanks are located just 100 feet above O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer, which provides drinking water to the island’s residents; and

WHEREAS, at its 56<sup>th</sup> annual convention, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs passed Resolution 2015-10 urging the Navy to expedite corrective actions at the Bulk Fuel Storage Facility at Kapūkakī and protect O‘ahu’s drinking water; and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2021, the Navy experienced a release of approximately 14,000 gallons of a fuel-water mixture from the fire-suppression system at the Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, linked to a prior release in May 2021, and failed to notify the public, causing significant harm and disruption to residents and their pets; and

WHEREAS, in December 2021, diesel fuel levels in samples from the Navy’s water distribution system at the ‘Aiea Hālawa Shaft were found to exceed state-approved levels for drinking water, indicating that environmental damage extends beyond the Red Hill Shaft; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2021, the Department of Health issued Emergency Order Docket No. 21-UST-EA-02, suspending operations, including fuel transfers, at the Bulk Fuel Storage Tanks, mandating the installation of a treatment system at the Red Hill Shaft, and requiring the Navy to complete corrective actions and defuel the tanks within 30 days; and

WHEREAS, over its 80 years of operation, the Navy's Bulk Fuel Storage Facility at Kapūkakī has documented numerous releases of fuel and hazardous chemicals, including approximately 27,000 gallons of jet fuel in January 2014; undetermined amounts of a regulated substance in March and June 2020; approximately 20,000 gallons of fuel on May 6, 2021; approximately 14,000 gallons of a fuel-water mixture on November 24, 2021, contaminating the Red Hill Shaft water source; and approximately 1,300 gallons of aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) concentrate containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) on November 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, PFAS, or perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, are persistent chemicals that break down very slowly and are commonly referred to as "forever chemicals"; and

WHEREAS, PFAS are toxic substances that can contaminate drinking water, accumulate in fish and wildlife, and pose multiple adverse health risks, including cancer, liver problems, high cholesterol, endocrine disruption, fertility issues, and decreased birth weight; and

WHEREAS, in response to the November 24, 2021, incident, the Board of Water Supply (BWS) halted operations at its Hālawa Shaft, Hālawa Wells, and ‘Aiea Wells, and initiated weekly testing for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and PFAS at its five nearest drinking well facilities; and

WHEREAS, PAHs, which occur naturally in coal and petroleum products, are known carcinogens and can cause respiratory and other health issues; and

WHEREAS, PAHs were detected by the BWS at a monitoring well in Moanalua Valley, approximately 1,500 feet west of the Navy's Bulk Fuel Storage Facility at Kapūkakī, in May 2022; and

WHEREAS, PAHs were also detected in water samples from the closed ‘Aiea Wells in May and June 2024; and

WHEREAS, in June 2024, PAHs found at the BWS ‘Aiea Wells were also detected at the Navy’s monitoring well NMW24, suggesting the potential westward migration of a contaminant plume from the Navy's Bulk Fuel Storage Facility at Kapūkakī; and

WHEREAS, additional data and information are needed from the Navy to determine the direction of groundwater flow, the contaminants present in the groundwater, and whether fuel contaminants have migrated west of the Navy's Bulk Fuel Storage Facility at Kapūkakī; and

WHEREAS, Navy groundwater modeling and flow data, along with BWS wells west of Kapūkakī, show the need for more frequent testing to evaluate impacts on sources like the Hālawa Shaft, Hālawa Wells, ‘Aiea Wells, and Ka‘amilo Wells; and

WHEREAS, the Navy has ceased to participate in the Community Representation Initiative; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2024, the Inspector General of the U.S. Navy publicly announced findings in three reports critical of the Navy’s handling of the Navy Bulk Fuel Storage Facility at Kapūkakī; and

WHEREAS, the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative (“CRI”) was added to the 2023 Red Hill Administrative Consent Order in response to public comments received, and gives 10 individuals representing O‘ahu an opportunity to work directly with the Navy, Defense Logistics Agency, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on matters related to defueling, closure, and drinking water safety at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Navy ceased to participate in the CRI; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply (“BWS”) was not included as a named party on the CRI, but continues to attend in support of O‘ahu’s water supply; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2024, the Honolulu City Council adopted Resolution 24-261, FD1 “Urging The United States Department Of The Navy And The United Department of Defense, Including the Defense Logistics Agency, To Immediately Implement Weekly Testing Of All Navy Red Hill Monitoring Wells And Drinking Water Wells For All Chemical Contaminants Stemming From Past Fuel And Hazardous Materials That Were Used, Stored, Or released At The Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Hamohamo, Waikīkī, O‘ahu, in the malama of Welehu and the rising of Hoku, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024, 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such testing should be conducted by a trusted third-party and include:

1. Weekly analysis for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS);
2. Installation of additional monitoring wells to the west and northwest of the Navy's Bulk Fuel Storage Facility at Kapūkakī;
3. Submission of unredacted laboratory reports to the Board of Water Supply and the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Navy and the Department of Defense take any other actions necessary to protect public safety and safeguard O'ahu's wai (drinking water); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to United States Secretary of Defense, United States Secretary of the Navy, Hawai'i Congressional Delegation, Chair of the Hawai'i Board of Land and Natural Resources, as well as the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, President of the State Senate, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, Chair of the State Senate subject matter committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the State House subject matter committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and all County Mayors.



The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted in the malama of Welehu and the rising of Hoku, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024, at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Hamohamo, Waikiki.

*Dreana K. Lee*

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Dreana K. Lee, President

**HB-1926-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 9:11:43 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/3/2026 10:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b>  | <b>Organization</b>   | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| John & Rita Shockley | Free Access Coalition | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Aloha!

The Free Access Coalition supports HB1926.

We need vigilance regarding our "wai". The Navy has proven they do not care if watere gets polluted by their actions.

Mahalo for your time.



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 3, 2026

10:00 AM

Conference Room 308

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

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Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the 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 other urgent needs in the wake of the 2021 Red Hill catastrophe.

Over four years since the Red Hill catastrophe, the Navy has still provided no meaningful strategy or specific plans for the remediation of the harms it has inflicted on our sole-source aquifer - and the associated, ongoing threats to the water security 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 groundwater.** It is now abundantly clear that we cannot wait for the Navy to deal with its mess in a timely manner, and must take the initiative to protect our and our future generations' right to safe, clean water.

This measure would accordingly fund groundwater monitoring and remediation research, both critically needed to ensure our 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 Navy water data, and to make such assessments accessible to the public. This latter investment is particularly important, given the myriad, unexplained "irregularities" in the Navy's water testing programs, which have severely eroded public confidence in the integrity of their remediation efforts, and overall commitment to Hawai'i's people and environment.

While the investments in this measure cannot wait, the Sierra Club does appreciate this measure's recognition that any resources committed to navigating the Navy-created Red Hill water crisis should be recovered from the federal government. The Sierra Club urges our elected representatives and government leaders to continue exploring every potential avenue to secure such financial accountability, particularly given the Navy's decades-long, reckless disregard of our precious wai.



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

**HB-1926-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 11:01:29 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/3/2026 10:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>              | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Ted Bohlen          | Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

SUPPORT!

**HB-1926-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 10:55:54 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/3/2026 10:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>      | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Janice K T Shiira   | Shimanchu Wai Protectors | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

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**HB-1926-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 8:21:49 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/3/2026 10:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>            | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| laurel brier        | Kauai Climate Action Coalition | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

We need research, monitoring, public education and independent water testing with expert review of the Navy's water data for Red Hill to help assure our communities this tragedy of poisoning our public water does not continue nor happen again.

**HB-1926-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/27/2026 8:54:27 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/3/2026 10:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Ellen Godbey Carson | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I support this bill. Clean water is critical for the safety of our island. We need to put effective monitoring in place, and seek reimbursement for those expenses from the Navy. It's not just for our health, but for the safety of future generations.

**HB-1926-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 7:11:29 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/3/2026 10:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Margaret ANN Renick | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Please pass this bill and make the NAVY accountable! Protect the aina and pur keiki! Mahalo

**HB-1926-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 7:39:01 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/3/2026 10:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Brian C Mark        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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

My name is Brian Christopher Mark, 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.

Sincerely,

Brian Christopher Mark

**HB-1926-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 11:18:21 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/3/2026 10:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Richard Tillotson   | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Please support this bill.

**HB-1926-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 12:16:01 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/3/2026 10:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Linda Rich          | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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

My name is Linda Rich and I am writing in **SUPPORT of HB1926 HD1.**

The Navy continues 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. They have refused to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative or to explain countless “irregularities” in its water sampling and reporting to properly maintain water samples needed to understand what may have poisoned the Navy’s water system as well as our precious and critical aquifer. They resist answering questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings. There has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research that can actually clean the contamination within O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer. This is unacceptable. It is clear that we cannot rely on the Navy to provide accurate and timely information or to prioritize protecting this island’s major source of fresh water.

Greater state-level investments is needed 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.

Linda Rich

**HB-1926-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 1:28:39 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/3/2026 10:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Elizabeth Nelson    | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Elizabeth Nelson and I fully support this measure and ask that you will give your support to this also. Clearly, we need much greater state-level investments in remediation research, independent groundwater modeling and environmental 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.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Nelson

Kaneohe

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Denise Boisvert     | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

**I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BILL.**

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Kim Jorgensen       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

**I FULLY SUPPORT THIS BILL.**

**HB-1926-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 8:07:51 AM

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| Diane Ware          | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is Diane Ware and 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 O‘ahu’s sole source 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.

**HB-1926-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 8:43:10 AM

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| Nako?olani Warrington | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

**STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 1926 HD1**

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

HB 1926 HD1 would provide funding for Red Hill remediation research, environmental monitoring, groundwater modeling, public education, and independent water testing and expert review of the Navy’s water data - all still critically needed to heal O‘ahu’s sole source aquifer and protect our future generations’ water security in the wake of the November 2021 Red Hill water catastrophe.

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 O‘ahu’s sole source aquifer, to answer questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings, and most recently, to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. Auē!

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. We need this critical bill to pass!

**SUPPORT and PASS HB 1926 HD1.** Mahalo.

**HB-1926-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 8:45:29 AM

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| Submitted By     | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
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| Michele Nihipali | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is [your name], and 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 O‘ahu’s sole source 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.

Michele Nihipali

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Hauula, HI 96717

**HB-1926-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 9:20:01 AM

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| Stephanie Austin    | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Red Hill has been a disgrace, and all money and effort to remediate ALL consequences of this inexcusable disaster must be fully supported!

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Patricia Blair      | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Strongly support

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| lynne matusow       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. The Navy, aka SNAFU, has proven it is incapable and unwilling to do this task and communicate with the locals. Before there is additional damage to our water supply, which we need to live, we need to do their job and find a way for the Navy to pay. Perhaps we could set up toll roads which lead to the bases of all the services, as a way to get money. Perhaps we could selectively charge the Navy and the other services taxes and fees to make us whole. But, the first order of business is to pass this bill.

Lynne Matusow

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Kealii Pang, Ph.D.  | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is Kealii Pang, Ph.D. I am a resident of Kaimukī, O‘ahu, a retired federal biologist, and President of a nonprofit dedicated to Native Hawaiian cultural education. I write in STRONG SUPPORT of HB1926 HD1.

The November 2021 fuel spill at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility was not merely a federal military problem — it was an attack on the health and water security of every resident of O‘ahu. Our island sits above a sole-source aquifer, and there is no backup. What happens beneath Red Hill happens to all of us.

In the years since the spill, the Navy's conduct has been deeply troubling: unexplained irregularities in water sampling and reporting, failure to maintain samples critical to understanding the contamination, refusal to engage with community oversight bodies, and a near-total absence of proactive remediation research. The Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative did the hard work of developing sound, community-informed recommendations. Now it is the State's responsibility to act on them.

HB1926 HD1 takes the right approach. It invests in independent groundwater modeling, remediation research, environmental monitoring, and transparent public reporting — the very tools needed to understand what is in our water, how it is moving, and how to clean it up. Critically, it also establishes the expectation that the federal government will reimburse Hawai‘i for costs incurred in cleaning up a mess the Navy made.

As someone who has spent 35 years working on environmental protection in these islands, I know that delays in remediation are never neutral — contamination spreads, options narrow, and communities bear the cost in their health and in their children's futures. We cannot afford to wait for federal goodwill that has not materialized.

I respectfully urge the Committee to PASS HB1926 HD1. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Kealii Pang, Ph.D. Kaimukī, O‘ahu



**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| William Caron | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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

I am writing in **strong support** of HB1926, a critical measure that would provide funding for Red Hill remediation research, environmental monitoring, groundwater modeling, public education, and independent water testing. More than three years after the November 2021 catastrophe that poisoned our water and shattered our trust, these investments remain urgently needed to heal O‘ahu's sole-source aquifer and protect our future generations' water security.

The 2021 Red Hill crisis was a wake-up call, but the alarm is still sounding. In recent months, we have witnessed 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 now-defunct Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This is not a closed chapter; it is an ongoing crisis that demands our sustained vigilance and investment.

The Navy's pattern of obstruction is clear and deeply concerning. They have refused to explain countless "irregularities" in their water sampling and reporting. They have failed to properly maintain water samples—samples that are essential to understanding what may have poisoned their own water system and, more critically, O‘ahu's sole-source aquifer. They have dodged questions posed at Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meetings. And most recently, they have refused to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative, the very body created to ensure community voices are heard in this process. This is not accountability; it is a systemic failure to engage in good faith with the people whose lives and health hang in the balance.

Perhaps most concerning of all, there has been no meaningful investment in proactive remediation research. We are not just dealing with a one-time spill; we are dealing with contamination that lingers in the aquifer, the lifeblood of our island. Without dedicated research into how to actually clean this contamination, we are essentially hoping the problem will go away on its own. It will not. Our children, grandchildren, and future generations deserve more than hope—they deserve action.

HB1926 provides exactly that action. This bill would fund the independent, state-level investments that the Navy has proven it cannot be trusted to conduct on its own. This includes:

- **Remediation research** to develop and deploy techniques that can actively clean contamination from our aquifer, rather than simply monitoring it;

- **Independent groundwater modeling and environmental testing** to give us a clear, unbiased picture of where the contamination is and where it is going;
- **Objective expert assessments** of Navy water testing procedures and data analyses, so we can finally have confidence—or know definitively when confidence is not warranted—in the information being reported;
- **Public engagement and education** to ensure our communities are informed, involved, and empowered in the fight for clean water.

Importantly, HB1926 also makes clear our expectation that the federal government will reimburse us for any expenses Hawai'i incurs in cleaning up the Navy's mess. This is not a bailout; it is a bill. The contamination was caused by the federal government, and the federal government must ultimately bear the cost. But we cannot afford to wait for them to act in good faith. We must invest now to protect our water, with the full expectation that we will be made whole.

The stakes could not be higher. O'ahu's sole-source aquifer is not a luxury; it is the foundation of life for nearly one million people. Every day we delay in funding independent research and monitoring is a day we leave our water security to chance—and to an actor who has demonstrated, time and again, that it cannot be trusted.

HB1926 is an investment in truth, in accountability, and in the health of every family on this island. It says that we will not look away, we will not be placated by incomplete data, and we will not leave the safety of our water in the hands of those who poisoned it. For the sake of our keiki, our kūpuna, and all who call this place home, I urge you to pass this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| irene kloepfer | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is Irene, and 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 O‘ahu’s sole source 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.

**HB-1926-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 12:41:16 PM

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| Earl Kim     | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is Earl Kim, and 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 O‘ahu’s sole source 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,  
Earl Kim

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Laila Moire-Selvage | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is Laila Moire-Selvage, and 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 O‘ahu’s sole source 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,  
Laila Moire-Selvage, 96771

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| DIANE CHOY<br>FUJIMURA | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

/Cmd+VAloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

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

The Navy cannot be trusted or relied upon to do its duty to clean up the Red Hill fuel tank debacle. Remediation, full remediation, is necessary, and the Navy must be pushed into fulfilling its responsibility to the people of Hawaii, and all future generations. Wai is life.

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 O‘ahu’s sole source 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**

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| Laura Alskog        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Laura Alskog, and I am a resident of Kailua on O‘ahu. I respectfully submit testimony in support of HB1926 HD1 with amendments that strengthen environmental remediation and long-term monitoring requirements related to the Red Hill fuel storage facility.

The Red Hill crisis demonstrated how vulnerable O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer is to contamination. The 2021 fuel release associated with the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility exposed thousands of residents—including military families and local communities—to petroleum contamination in their drinking water. For many of us on this island, the aquifer is not just infrastructure—it is the only drinking water supply we have.

Because the aquifer beneath Red Hill supplies water to large portions of O‘ahu, contamination has the potential to affect current and future generations. This makes remediation and independent environmental monitoring absolutely essential. Even after defueling operations are completed, the risk to groundwater does not simply disappear. Petroleum products and chemical additives can persist in soil and groundwater for years if not properly remediated and monitored.

HB1926 HD1 is an important step toward ensuring accountability and transparency. However, I urge the Legislature to strengthen the bill by ensuring that:

1. Long-term groundwater monitoring is required and publicly reported for decades, not just during the immediate response period.
2. Independent oversight and testing are conducted by agencies and scientists not directly affiliated with the Department of Defense.
3. Clear remediation benchmarks and timelines are established so the public can track progress.

4. Community access to environmental data is guaranteed so residents can make informed decisions about their health and water safety.

O‘ahu residents deserve confidence that our drinking water is protected. The Legislature has a responsibility to ensure that the contamination associated with Red Hill is fully remediated and that the aquifer is carefully monitored for the long term.

Protecting Hawai‘i’s environment and drinking water must remain a top priority. I respectfully ask you to support HB1926 HD1 while strengthening its provisions for remediation, transparency, and long-term environmental monitoring.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Laura Alskog

Kailua, Hawai‘i

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Sherry Pollack      | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>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. We are talking about Oahu's sole-source aquifer and the existential threat we face due to the Navy's criminal negligence. Nothing less than full remediation should be acceptable. Please pass this very important measure.

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Sharde Freitas      | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is Sharde Freitas, and I am writing in STRONG 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,

Sharde Freitas

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Christopher Stankis | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is Christopher Stankis, and I am writing in **STRONG 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,  
Christopher Stankis

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Sydney Chung        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is Sydney Chung, and I am writing in STRONG 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,

Sydney Chung

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Keri Zacher  | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is Keri Zacher, and 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 O‘ahu’s sole source 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.

Sincerely,  
Keri Zacher

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Dee Green           | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I strongly support HB1926 HD1.

The Navy has repeatedly failed to provide clear answers about contamination and monitoring at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. Water sampling irregularities, mishandled samples, and lack of transparency at public meetings remain major concerns. The Navy has also refused to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative, and little progress has been made on actual cleanup of O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.

Hawai‘i cannot rely on the Navy alone. We need independent testing, expert review, and meaningful investment in remediation, along with public transparency. HB1926 HD1 ensures these steps happen and makes clear the federal government should cover Hawai‘i’s cleanup costs.

I urge you to pass HB1926 HD1.

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Johnnie-Mae L. Perry | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, STRONGLY SUPPORT

1926 HB RELATING TO RED HILL

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Kimeona Kane        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Aloha kākou,

Kimeona Kane of Waimānalo, Mahalo for allowing me the opportunity to support this effort to protect our water resource and future. This is a necessary step as we creep closer and closer to an unstable future regarding clean, fresh water. We must protect the integrity of this entire system and can no longer "hope and pray" for change. Please make the necessary corrections, holding all who need to be help accountable, exactly that, accountable for destroying a future for Hawai'i.

Mahalo nui

Kimeona Kane

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Francis Nakamoto    | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takanouchi and members of the Committee on Finance

My name is Francis Nakamoto and I support HB 1926 HD1 which would provide appropriations for studies on remediation of substances released from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility; for environmental monitoring and testing; for research on groundwater modeling and sampling; a for independent testing and verification of water data, to be published on a public dashboard.

Frankly, these are tasks and responsibilities that should be performed by the US Navy, which is responsible for the worse contamination of Oahu’s primary source of water in history. While the Navy did finally shut down the bulk storage facility after years of resistance and misrepresentations about the integrity of the fuel tanks, and for a brief period under the command of Admiral Wade made progress in draining and cleaning the extensive fuel lines that run from Red Hill to Pearl Harbor, it has regressed to its arrogant, dismissive ways in treating public representatives on the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee, and the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. It has failed to provide timely and informative progress reports and denied requests for confirming data that only the Navy has control over.

In brief, the Navy can no longer be trusted to complete the promised total shutdown and eradication of ALL fuel residuals in the fuel lines and certainly not be forthcoming in providing accurate and reliable information and data regarding its progress.

Unfortunately, the People of Hawai’i must independently conduct required monitoring, testing and evaluations to assure ourselves that remediation is being performed in good faith and with competency and our aquifer is being restored, if it ever can, to its once pristine condition.

This investment of public funds will assure that the Navy fulfills its commitments to Hawaii and the catastrophic contamination of our primary water source will be avoided in the future. Compared to the potential devastating damage that the permanent loss of our primary water source could have to our economy, public health and quality of life, this is an investment we cannot fail to make.

Please support HB 1926 HD1 and protect our water for future generations to come.



To: Representative Chris Todd, Chair  
Representative Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

From: Veronica Moore, Individual Citizen

Date: March 2, 2026

RE: House Bill 1926 HD1  
Measure Title: RELATING TO RED HILL.  
Report Title: Red Hill Remediation Special Fund; Remediation; Monitoring and  
Testing; Groundwater Modeling and Sampling; Water Data Testing and  
Verification; Appropriation (\$)

To All Concerned,

My name is Veronica Moore and I support House Bill 1926 HD1. Thank you for your  
consideration.

Sincerely,

Veronica M. Moore

Aloha!

The Navy's negligence, incompetence, and arrogance has damaged Oahu's sole source aquifer forever. We cannot count on the Navy to properly assess this damage, nor to remediate the harm they have caused, in a timely fashion. Unfortunately, the people of Hawai'i will need to gather the information for themselves, analyze the data, and figure out how to get these toxic substances and their byproducts out of our environment if we wish to survive. We can, however, have the Navy pay the bill.

The Red Hill Water Alliance (WAI) Initiative report of 2023 is comprehensive and sets out a solid plan of action. Please allocate funding to achieve these goals. I strongly **support** HB 1926 HD1.

Mahalo,

Melanie Lau, MD

Fuel Tank Advisory Committee (FTAC) public member

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Thomas Brandt       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

SUPPORT

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Christy Shaver      | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is Christy Shaver, and 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 O‘ahu’s sole source 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.

Sincerely,  
Christy Shaver

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Noelle Lindenmann   | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

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Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to PASS HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to share testimony.  
Noelle Lindenmann, Kailua-Kona

**Testimony of  
Donald Thomas, Ph.D.**

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

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**Rep. Chris Todd, Chair  
Rep. Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair**

**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**

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| Soo Sun Choe        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Committee Members,

Please pass HB 1926, safe water is important for our present and future!

Mahalo nui,

Soo Sun Choe

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| J. Kehau Lucas | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is [your name], and I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of HB1926 HD1, which seeks to strengthen Hawai‘i’s capacity for independent groundwater modeling, environmental testing, remediation research, and public engagement in response to the ongoing Red Hill contamination crisis.

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## **1. Documented History of Navy Mismanagement and Lack of Transparency**

Federal inspectors and multiple news investigations have confirmed widespread mismanagement by the Navy in its handling of fuel, water, toxic chemicals, and public communication related to Red Hill.

- The Department of Defense Inspector General (DoD OIG) found “numerous shortcomings” and Navy mismanagement behind the fuel leak that contaminated Pearl Harbor’s water system, including failures in operations, maintenance, leak preparedness, and emergency response. These failures led directly to more than 90,000 people being exposed to contaminated water, with over 6,000 seeking medical care for symptoms such as vomiting, vertigo, rashes, neurological issues, and more. [\[civilbeat.org\]](https://civilbeat.org)
- The DoD OIG further documented repeated mishandling of toxic firefighting foam (AFFF) releases between 2019 and 2022, noting that the Navy could not show it had properly reported or cleaned up multiple spills. [\[civilbeat.org\]](https://civilbeat.org)
- The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) also reported long-standing transparency problems, including heavily redacted Navy testing reports and a refusal to fully disclose contamination data. BWS has now been forced to sue the Navy to recover \$1.2 billion in costs associated with protecting O‘ahu’s water supply. [\[militarytimes.com\]](https://militarytimes.com)

These are not isolated incidents—they reflect systemic failures in transparency, risk management, and environmental responsibility.

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## 2. Evidence of Continued Avoidance of Public Accountability

The pattern of avoiding public engagement remains ongoing:

- In February 2026, during a key Commission on Water Resource Management meeting, Navy representatives left abruptly before giving their scheduled update, despite community members waiting hours for information. [\[staradvertiser.com\]](#)
- The EPA recently dropped the requirement that the Navy meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative (CRI) due to the Navy’s position that such meetings did not have “high attendance,” while community members viewed the Navy’s withdrawal as another barrier to transparency. [\[staradvertiser.com\]](#)

This reinforces the necessity for independent, state-level oversight, because the Navy has repeatedly demonstrated an unwillingness to participate consistently in community accountability processes.

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## 3. Lack of Sufficient Investment in Long-Term Remediation and Groundwater Protection

Factual reporting shows:

- More than 20 massive underground fuel tanks, some dating from WWII, have leaked repeatedly over decades, with at least 76 documented fuel release incidents as cited by Civil Beat. [\[militarytimes.com\]](#)
- The November 2021 leak contaminated the Navy’s own system, forcing thousands of military families into temporary relocation and requiring long-term flushing efforts. [\[stripes.com\]](#)
- To date, the Navy has focused primarily on interim water treatment systems, including granular activated carbon filtration, but no permanent treatment facility timeline is established, and no comprehensive remediation plan for the aquifer itself has been announced. [\[stripes.com\]](#)

Given that O‘ahu’s aquifer supplies drinking water to nearly 1 million residents, this lack of a clear, long-term remediation plan remains a serious threat.

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## 4. Why HB1926 HD1 Is Necessary

Based on the documented evidence above, Hawai‘i needs independent scientific capacity to verify data, evaluate risks, and protect public health.

HB1926 HD1 will:

### **a. Fund Independent Groundwater Modeling and Environmental Testing**

This is necessary because the Navy's testing has historically been incomplete, inconsistently reported, or withheld from the public. Independent state-level verification is essential.

### **b. Support Remediation Research**

As reported by EPA and civil investigations, contamination persists within the aquifer, and long-term cleanup solutions are not yet developed. [\[epa.gov\]](http://epa.gov)

### **c. Provide Objective Expert Review of Navy Data**

Given the history of mismanagement and redaction, independent experts are needed to assess accuracy, method validity, and data completeness.

### **d. Strengthen Public Engagement and Transparency**

Recent Navy absences from public meetings and the discontinuation of mandated CRI meetings demonstrate the need for state-led transparency mechanisms. [\[staradvertiser.com\]](http://staradvertiser.com)

### **e. Ensure the Federal Government Reimburses Hawai'i**

This is financially justified, as BWS is already seeking \$1.2 billion in damages for drinking-water protection, and federal spending related to Red Hill contamination has exceeded \$2 billion. [\[militarytimes.com\]](http://militarytimes.com), [\[civilbeat.org\]](http://civilbeat.org)

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## **Conclusion**

The facts are clear:

- Contamination occurred due to Navy mismanagement.
- Tens of thousands of Hawai'i residents were exposed to unsafe water.
- Meaningful transparency has been inconsistent.
- Long-term remediation remains unresolved.

Given this overwhelming body of documented evidence, Hawai'i must build its own independent scientific, regulatory, and public accountability capacity to safeguard O'ahu's sole-source aquifer.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Committee to PASS HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify and for your commitment to protecting Hawai'i's water and future generations.

Aloha 'āina,

J. Kēhau Lucas

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is Marshall Hung, and 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 O‘ahu’s sole source 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,

Marshall Hung

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Lana Brodziak       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

I strongly support the passage of HB1926 HD1.

I strongly believe that we need much greater state-level investments in objective expert assessments of Navy water testing procedures and data analyses.

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 contamination from the Red Hill fuel tank releases.

Respectfullu submitted, Lana Brodziak

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| KEALA FUNG   | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is Keala Fung, and 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 O‘ahu’s sole source 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,  
Keala Fung, Honolulu HI

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Sean Swift          | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

My name is Sean Swift and I am PhD candidate in SOEST at the University of Hawai‘i, Mānoa and am offering my support as an individual.

I was part of a group of UH researchers that responded to 2021 drinking water contamination event at Red Hill. O‘ahu residents came to us in desperation, asking for us to analyze samples of their tap water, which they suspected was contaminated with jet fuel. This had a major impact on the type of work happening in our lab. We adapted our analytical methods to detect fuel components in water samples. We created a public facing online dashboard to transparently share our results. We also ran a follow up experiment to study how jet fuel is consumed and transformed by naturally occurring bacteria from Oahu’s groundwater aquifers. The majority of this work was performed without any external funding.

These years of effort drastically altered the trajectory of my graduate work. Our lab joined a collaborative group of scientists from UH, EPA, USGS, and DOH to share highly technical expertise in environmental chemistry, hydrology, and ecology.

This proposed funding is an opportunity build on this knowledge and these relationships. Graduate students, like myself, will have an opportunity to become multifaceted experts in understanding water contamination here in Hawai‘i. I have become painfully aware of how few environmental chemists there are in the state who are able assist when there is a contamination related crisis. We need this type of hands on training to be available locally and we need experts across multiple disciplines to address ongoing contamination at Red Hill. The funding proposed in this bill will develop critical expertise in water contamination here in Hawai‘.

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Bo Breda     | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is Bo Breda and I am writing in **STRONG 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,  
Bo Breda

**Testimony Presented Before the House Committee on Finance March 3, 2026, 10:00 am | Conference Room 308**

**HB 1926-HD1 – RELATING TO RED HILL**

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

**Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, 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.

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Peter Wilson | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is Peter Wilson, and 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 O‘ahu’s sole source 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**

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is Anne M. Lorenzo, and 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 O‘ahu’s sole source 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,  
Anne M. Lorenzo

**HB-1926-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/2/2026 12:34:34 PM

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| William Reese Liggett | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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Sincerely,  
William Reese Liggett

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| cheryl burghardt    | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Chair and Committee Members, aloha

I am writing in strong support of HB1926 HD1.

The Navy has repeatedly failed to provide clear, consistent answers about the contamination and monitoring related to the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. There have been unanswered questions about irregularities in water sampling and reporting, failures to properly preserve samples, and a lack of transparency at public meetings. Most recently, the Navy declined to meet with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative. At the same time, there has been little meaningful progress toward real, proactive remediation of contamination in O‘ahu’s sole-source aquifer.

Hawai‘i cannot afford to rely solely on the Navy’s assurances. We need independent groundwater modeling, environmental testing, expert review of the Navy’s data and procedures, and real investment in remediation research. Just as important, the public must be kept informed and involved. Our families and future generations deserve safe, secure drinking water.

HB1926 HD1 makes these investments possible and affirms that the federal government should reimburse the State for costs associated with cleaning up this contamination.

I respectfully urge you to pass HB1926 HD1.

CherylBurghardt

Nuuanu Oahu

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Ehito Kimura | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, 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,

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Craig Nelson        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am a research scientist with expertise in water pollution and I feel strongly that this bill is the right step forward for the State of Hawaii to support long term monitoring necessary to determine the extent of the impacts of the Red Hill Fuel Storage facility on our aquatic ecosystems. Supporting local expertise, training and research is necessary because the federal government is not going to do this for us, and we need to know these impacts in order to move forward.

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Richard Kite | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

My name is Richard Kite, and I am writing in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1.

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Sincerely,  
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**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Patti Choy          | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

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

HB1926 HD1 is a very important bill, as it will help to assure our water security for generations to come.

Please PASS HB1926 HD1.

Thank you.

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| Guy Kudo            | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is Guy Kudo, and I am writing in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1 and hope you will pass this valuable bill.

Thank you very much.

**HB-1926-HD-1**

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| ANDREW ISODA | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

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

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Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Isoda  
Lahaina, Mau‘i