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Before the Senate Committees on
WATER, LAND, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
and
PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Monday, March 16, 2026
3:01 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

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 (WRRRC); 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 ‘Aha Kenekoa o ka Wai, ‘Āina, a me ka Mo‘omeheu a me nā Hana No‘eau

Ke Kōmike ‘Aha Kenekoa o ka Palekana Lehulehu a me ke Kuleana Pū‘ali Koa

Ke Kapikala o Hawai‘i

Malaki 16, 2026

3:01PM

Lumi 016

Aloha e Chairs Lee and Fukunaga, Vice Chairs Inouye and Lee, and Members of the Senate Committees on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts and Public Safety and Military Affairs:

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS HB1926 HD1**, which appropriates funds from the Red Hill remediation fund to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to conduct studies on remediation of substances released from the Red Hill fuel tanks, groundwater modeling, and independent expert verification and assessment of water data to be published on a publicly available dashboard.

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 to ensure that this toxic legacy is addressed in a way that minimizes further harm while ensuring the public transparency and accountability lacking when the crisis was originally unfolding.

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!



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Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Water, Land and the Arts
and
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
Monday, March 16, 2026 at 3:01 p.m.

By
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and
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Dean, College of Engineering
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Interim Provost
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HB 1926 HD1 – RELATING TO RED HILL

Chairs Lee and Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committees:

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 welcome 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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The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
and Members
House Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts
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Dear Chair Fukunaga, Chair Lee and Committee 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 (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.

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 Water Alliance Initiative's goal 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,

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

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2026 5:14:15 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ted Bohlen	Testifying for Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT!

HB-1926-HD-1

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Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

STRONG 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 STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1926 HD 1.**

HB 1926 HD 1 would provide for Red Hill remediation research and critical independent groundwater modeling and environmental testing 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.

We, the People, demand the healing of O‘ahu’s sole source aquifer NOW to protect our children, grandchildren, and the next generations to come.

SUPPORT and PASS HB 1926 HD 1. Mahalo.

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 2:05:43 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha!

The Free Access Coalition supports HB1926.

We as a society must be vigilant of our wai(water supply). Without potable drinking water, we have a wasteland. Let's all support clean water and watch over it for the present and for future generations.

Mahalo for your time.



LATE

March 16, 2026

TESTIMONY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS
To the Senate Committees on Public Safety and Military Affairs, and
Water, Land, Culture and the Arts
In Support of

HB1926 HD1 - RELATING TO RED HILL

Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Chair Lee, and members of the committees:

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 56th 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 65th Annual Convention in Hamohamo, Waikīkī, O‘ahu, in the malama of Welehu and the rising of Hoku, this 16th 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 16th day of November 2024, at the 65th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Hamohamo, Waikiki.

Dreana K. Lee

Dreana K. Lee, President



Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

TESTIMONY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAUCUS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I IN SUPPORT OF HB 1926 HD 1 relating to Red Hill

COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND (WLA)

Sen. Chris Lee, Chair

Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

LATE

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS (PSM)

Sen. Carol Fukunaga, Chair

Sen. Chris Lee, Vice Chair

HEARING DATE: Monday, March 16, 2026

TIME: 3:01 PM

PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

Aloha, Chairs Lee and Fukunaga, Vice Chairs Inouye and Lee, and Members of the Committees!

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

The Red Hill crisis remains one of the most significant threats to O'ahu's drinking water and public health. HB1926 HD1 provides the scientific, technical, and transparency infrastructure needed to ensure that remediation is effective, accountable, and guided by independent data.

This measure would fund:

1. Remediation studies addressing petroleum, chemical, and PFAS contamination
2. Environmental monitoring and testing to track contamination over time
3. Groundwater modeling and sampling research to understand plume behavior and aquifer vulnerability
4. Independent testing and verification of water data, with results published on a public dashboard accessible to all residents

These components are essential. Independent, science-based information is necessary to restore public trust after years of uncertainty and conflicting reports. A public dashboard ensures transparency and allows communities to monitor progress in real time.

The Caucus also supports the 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 financial burden of addressing contamination caused by federal military operations.

Protecting our aquifer is a matter of public health, environmental justice, and intergenerational responsibility. HB 1926 HD 1 would strengthen Hawai'i's ability to safeguard its water resources through rigorous science, transparency, and accountability.

For these reasons, the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i respectfully urges the Committees to pass HB 1926 HD 1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this valuable bill.

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

March 16, 2026

3:01 PM

Conference Room 016

In SUPPORT of HB1926 HD1: RELATING TO RED HILL

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committees,

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* (and not *bioremediate*) JP-5 (and none of the other compounds released from the Red Hill Facility), which may or may not lead to an *increased* toxicity of degraded fuel constituents, and which is not designed to determine whether such bacteria could even be used for groundwater remediation.¹ 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

¹ As Dr. Tao Yan, one of the lead researchers of the study noted,

"JP5 (<https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxprofiles/tp121-c4.pdf>) contains compounds that are quite amenable to bacterial metabolism (such as n-paraffins) and others that are more difficult to biodegrade (e.g. BTEX and even PAHs, albeit usually at much lower weight percentage). So in theory, biodegradation of the more easily degradable ones would lead to accumulation of more recalcitrant ones, whose toxicity profiles may potentially be worse, as we know of BTEXMN and PAHs."



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 Committees to **PASS** HB1926 HD1. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

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HB-1926-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janice K T Shiira	Testifying for Shimanchu Wai Protector	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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KA LĀHUI HAWAII'Ī

Testimony in Support of H.B. 1926, H.D.1
Relating to Red Hill

Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Chris Lee, Vice Chair

Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts

Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

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March 16, 2026

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Committees,

My name is Healani Sonoda-Pale, and I submit this testimony on behalf of Ka Lāhui Hawai'i in support of H.B. 1926, H.D.1.

This measure funding remediation studies, environmental monitoring, and groundwater modeling, related to the Red Hill contamination is long overdue. While the catastrophic spill that contaminated drinking water occurred in 2021, spills and releases from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility have been occurring for **over 80 years**.

Ka Lāhui Hawai'i respectfully recommends a small amendment to strengthen transparency in the bill. On page 3, line 2, after the word "dashboard," we recommend adding the words "in a timely manner."

Given the serious safety implications and the fact that hundreds of thousands of people on O'ahu depend on the aquifer for drinking water, having testing and studies results available in a timely manner is extremely important.

For these reasons, Ka Lāhui Hawai'i supports H.B. 1926, H.D.1 and proposes a small amendment.

Sincerely,

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

LATE

Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee Members,

My name is Rev. Amy Wake, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church in Kahala 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 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,
Rev. Amy Wake, Chair
United Methodist Church Hawai'i Acts of Repentance Task Force

HB-1926-HD-1

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Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Strongly Support

1926 HB RELATING TO RED HILL.

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2026 3:50:54 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is testimony in FULL SUPPORT of this bill.

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2026 3:45:36 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BILL!!!

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2026 4:05:40 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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.

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

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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**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: 3/13/2026 11:43:58 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony 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

Submitted on: 3/14/2026 12:16:25 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and members of the Committee on Water, Land and Natural Resources; Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Lee and members of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.

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.

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2026 5:57:43 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill represents a commitment of our people to monitor and remediate the contamination brought to our water by the federal government. Applying local knowledge and developing expertise locally in monitoring the contaminants from Red Hill should be a priority for the state. As a professional researcher in coastal and stream water quality I feel that this bill will support research that will benefit us enormously and I am a strong supporter of taking charge of this issue with local practitioners.

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2026 3:04:50 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members

I strongly support HB 1926 HD1

Mahalo for your support of this bill as well.

Cheryl Burghardt

Nuuanu Oahu

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2026 3:26:05 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly support HB1926 HD1.

The situation surrounding the Red Hill fuel facility continues to raise serious concerns about transparency and accountability. The Navy has failed to adequately explain irregularities in its water sampling and reporting, has not preserved key samples that could help determine what contaminants entered the water system, and has declined to fully address questions raised by community representatives.

Hawai‘i must be prepared to take a stronger role in protecting its water resources. This bill supports necessary investments in independent groundwater analysis, environmental testing, expert review of water-quality data, and public engagement. These steps are essential to safeguard the long-term security of our water for present and future generations, while also making clear that the federal government should reimburse the state for the costs associated with addressing the contamination.

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

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2026 5:17:25 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Margaret ANN Renick	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly urge you to pass this bil!

PLEASE protect our water.

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2026 8:41:25 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melanie Lau MD	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

Submitted on: 3/14/2026 8:45:55 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

I strongly support this bill to fund Red Hill remediation research, and do environmental monitoring, groundwater modeling, public education, and independent water testing and expert review of the Navy's water data. We need safe water, and the military needs to take responsibility for its breathtaking negligence.

mahalo,
Cory Harden

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2026 8:58:34 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee Members,

My name is U‘ilani Naipo 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 report and properly maintain water samples, 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,

U‘ilani Naipo

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2026 11:54:33 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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. 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

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 2:09:45 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Pcola_Davis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support appropriations for the following.

- (1) \$ for studies on remediation of substances released from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility;
- (2) \$ for environmental monitoring and testing;
- (3) \$ for research on groundwater modeling and sampling; and
- (4) \$ for independent testing and verification of water data, to be published on a public dashboard.

The public dashboard will be very useful!

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 5:24:54 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr. Osa Maiyanne Adaján	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee Members,

My name is Dr. Osa Maiyanne Adaján 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 report and properly maintain water samples, 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,

Dr. Osa Maiyanne Adaján,

1L Law Student, William S. Richardson School of Law

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 7:28:45 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee Members,

My name is Malia Lum-Kawaihoa Marquez, 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 report and properly maintain water samples, 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.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Malia Lum-Kawaihoa Marquez

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 7:38:45 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee Members,

My name is Kealii Pang, Ph.D. I am a resident of Kaimukī, O‘ahu, a retired federal biologist with 35 years of environmental protection work in these islands, 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 Red Hill was not a federal military problem alone — it was an attack on the water security of every O‘ahu resident. Our island sits above a sole-source aquifer. There is no backup.

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

HB1926 HD1 takes the right approach. It funds independent groundwater modeling, remediation research, environmental monitoring, and transparent public reporting — the tools we need to understand what is in our water, how it moves, and how to clean it up. It also establishes that the federal government will reimburse Hawai‘i for costs incurred in cleaning up the Navy's mess.

Delays in remediation are never neutral. Contamination spreads, options narrow, and communities pay in their health and their children's futures. We cannot wait for federal goodwill that has not come.

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

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 8:41:30 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee Members,

My name is Kahea, 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 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,

Kahea

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 9:08:34 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Casey Takayama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Oahu aquifer is our common precious resource of drinking water and it deserves ensured safety for all the residents.

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 9:35:05 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly support!

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 9:46:54 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly support

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 9:56:59 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laura Alskog	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB1926 HD1 would provide critical funding for Red Hill remediation research, environmental monitoring, groundwater modeling, public education, and independent testing and expert review of the Navy's water data. This work is urgently needed to address the ongoing impacts of the November 2021 Red Hill disaster and to protect O'ahu's sole source aquifer, which provides drinking water for hundreds of thousands of residents. The health and safety of our community depend on ensuring that this aquifer is protected and properly monitored. Independent testing and transparency are also essential to rebuilding the trust that was lost after this catastrophe. Passing this bill would help restore public confidence while protecting O'ahu's water for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 10:00:14 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Harvey Arkin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee Members,

My name is Harvey Arkin, 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 report and properly maintain water samples, 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: 3/15/2026 10:22:00 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samuel M Mitchell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We need to make the Navy pay for the Red Hill spill.

Samuel Mitchell Makiki NB-10 Member

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 10:37:12 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Kawamoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is John Kawamoto, 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 report and properly maintain water samples, 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.

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.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully urge you to **PASS** this bill.

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the WLA Committee,

I am writing in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB1926 HD1. This bill appropriates funds (which will hopefully be reimbursed by the US Department of Defense) 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.

Because of less rainfall and rising seas, (i.e., even without the Navy's contamination of Red Hill), the State clearly needs much greater 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. The current problem with Red Hill exacerbates the issue as now there is an issue with 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. Furthermore this bill will help O'ahu better assess its water supply and better prepare for a future that will look much different in terms of the environment.

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

Mahalo nui,
Paul Bernstein
Honolulu

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 11:23:40 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee Members,

My name is Irene kloepfer 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 report and properly maintain water samples, 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,
Irene kloepfer

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 11:25:16 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee Members,

My name is Madison Owens, 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 report and properly maintain water samples, 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 living 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 Hawai‘i for any expenses incurred 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: 3/15/2026 1:24:10 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lily Nakasone	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee Members,

My name is Lily Nakasone, 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 report and properly maintain water samples, 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,

Lily Nakasone

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 1:37:38 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Dylan Ramos, I was born and raised on O‘ahu, and I STRONGLY SUPPORT this measure. Everything funded by this bill would be the first half of ensuring a full cleanup — the other half being the cleanup itself (and if you have influence over that bill, SB2046, please make sure it is amended to be specific, enforceable, and effective).

Mahalo,

Dylan Ramos

96816

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 2:08:33 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee Members,

My name is Earl J. 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 report and properly maintain water samples, 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,
Earl J. Kim

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 11:49:07 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, 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 report and properly maintain water samples, 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: 3/15/2026 2:35:08 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support this bill.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Nelson

Kaneohe

LATE

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 3:32:54 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nathan Leo Braulick	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Nathan Leo Braulick

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HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 3:36:09 PM
Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee Members,

My name is Georgia, 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 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,

Georgia Hoopes, Kalaheo

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HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 4:03:10 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Sen. Fukunaga; Sen. Lee; Sen. Inouye; and Members of the Public Safety and Military Affairs Committee:

The oil spill disaster of 2021 still needs a comprehensive strategy of remediation. It needs research, environmental monitoring, groundwater modeling, public education, and independent water testing and expert review of the Navy's water data.

Funding of all these aspects of the strategy is essential if we are to recover the quality of water needed for healthy living. O'ahu's main source of natural water is the Red Hill aquifer. *Please vote for funding to activate the remediation strategy.*

Mahalo piha,

Cheryl Ho, Nu'uamu

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 4:16:03 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM



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

Comments:

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 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 report and properly maintain water samples, 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.

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 future generations from continued 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.

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HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 4:46:32 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, 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 report and properly maintain water samples, 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

LATE

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 5:48:53 PM
Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee Members,

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 report and properly maintain water samples, 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, Maui, Hawaii

LATE

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 8:09:53 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tracey Contreras	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee Members,

My name is Tracey Contreras , and I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of HB1926 HD1.

My family was and is directly effected by Redhill.

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 report and properly maintain water samples, 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 Hawaii incurs in cleaning up the Navy's mess.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to PASS HB1926 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully.

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 9:03:50 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joie Yonamine	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Fukunaga and Lee, Vice Chairs Lee and Inoyue, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **strong support** of HB1926 to address the ongoing risks posed by the Red Hill Fuel Storage Facility.

Joie Yonamine

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 12:50:35 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM



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

Comments:

I am writing in STRONG support of this bill.

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 report and properly maintain water samples, 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.

LATE

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 1:54:37 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:



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CAPITOLWATCH

Aloha e Richard,

Great news - critical bills to help heal O‘ahu’s aquifer, protect the Water Commission from undue influence, and defend Moloka‘i from invasive pests are moving this week! **Please take a moment to submit testimony in SUPPORT of these bills - sample testimony below.**

Mahalo nui,

Wayne

💧 **[HB1926 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 catastrophe. This measure is being heard on [Monday, March 16, at 3:01pm in Capitol Conference Room 016](#) by the Senate Water, Land, Culture and the Arts and Public Safety and Military Affairs Committees (to be broadcast live on Youtube [here](#)).

💧 **[SB2046 SD2](#)** would set a binding legal standard for the remediation of jet fuel released from underground storage tank facilities, including the US Navy’s Red Hill Bulk Fuel Underground Storage Tank System. Originally setting a common sense standard of zero detectable jet fuel in our environment and aquifer, this bill was amended at the request of Governor Green’s Department of Health to only require the Navy to clean up its mess “to the extent practicable.” Please submit testimony to restore this bill’s original provisions at its hearing on [Tuesday, March 17, at 9:15am in Conference Committee room 325](#) by the House Energy & Environmental Protection Committee (to be broadcast live on Youtube [here](#)).

 [**SB2002 SD2**](#) would address longstanding structural issues that have allowed special interests to unduly influence the Water Commission and its staff as they work to implement the Water Code, and uphold the public trust in wai. From Red Hill, to Lahaina, to West Hawai‘i Island, we have seen the Water Commission’s work appear to be stifled, delayed, or even punished time and again by those with close ties to the Governor’s office, which directs both the Commission’s chair AND its legal counsel. Among other important provisions, this measure would require the Commission to choose its own chair and allow it to retain its own attorney, as well as establish clear performance standards that can protect its staff from [arbitrary retaliation for simply doing their job](#). This bill has a hearing on [Tuesday, March 17, at 9am in conference room 411](#) by the House Water & Land Committee (to be broadcast live on Youtube [here](#)).

 [**HB1929 HD1**](#) would provide funds for a plan to keep the coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) and other invasive pests not found on Moloka‘i from devastating the food security, ecological integrity, cultural practices, and ways of life of this island – a kīpuka of Hawaiian cultural practices and values that may be the key to our islands’ and planet’s future resilience. This measure is being heard on [Wednesday, March 18, at 3:30pm in conference room 224](#) by the Senate Agriculture and Environment Committee (to be broadcast live on Youtube [here](#)).

Please take a moment to testify on these measures and to ask your friends and networks to do the same! Sample testimony and testimony instructions below.

Sample Testimony for **HB1926 HD1**

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, 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 report and properly maintain water samples, 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,
Richard Kite

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 4:39:06 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

LATE

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee Members,

My name is Ke‘ili from Kaneohe, 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 report and properly maintain water samples, 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,

Ke'ili

LATE

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 7:45:04 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Douglas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Without water we die! Enough said.

LATE

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 8:47:27 AM
Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Kuzmier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in support of HB1926. I believe providing state funding and investments for remediation research and other education and testing is vital for our own security, especially with regards to Red Hill. I also believe that the expectation that the federal government should reimburse us for this research is appropriate. Mahalo for your consideration.

LATE

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 8:47:51 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

My name is **Nanea Lo**, and I respectfully submit testimony **in support of HB1926 HD1**, which provides 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.

The **November 2021 Red Hill fuel leak** deeply impacted our community and highlighted the urgent need to protect O'ahu's **sole-source aquifer**, which provides drinking water for the vast majority of residents on the island. Our aquifer is one of our most precious natural resources, and safeguarding it is essential to the health, safety, and long-term resilience of our communities.

Continued investment in **remediation research, monitoring, and independent testing** is critical to ensure that contamination risks are fully understood and addressed. Independent oversight and expert review of water data are especially important to maintain transparency and public trust as recovery efforts move forward. Residents deserve clear, reliable information about the safety of their water and the long-term impacts of the Red Hill disaster.

Funding for **environmental monitoring, groundwater modeling, and public education** will also help improve our ability to respond to and prevent future threats to Hawai'i's water resources. Protecting our aquifer today is an investment in the well-being of **future generations** who will rely on this same water source.

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

Me ke aloha 'āina,

Nanea Lo, 96826

Sierra Club of Hawai'i Member

Hawai'i Workers Center Board Member

Clean Elections Hawai'i Member

Honolulu Tenants Union Member

350 Hawai'i Member

Carbon Cashback Hawai'i Member

Hawai'i Tax Fairness Coalition Member

LATE

HB-1926-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 9:37:25 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/16/2026 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Inouye, 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 report and properly maintain water samples, 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,
Marshall Hung