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The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
and Members
House Committee on Public Safety
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 411
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Belatti and Members:

SUBJECT: HR 176 / HCR 186: Urging the United States Department of Defense and Defense Health Agency to Extend the Renewal Period for Secretarial Designee Health Care Authorizations Related to the Red Hill Water Contamination Crisis and to Improve Health Care Access for Affected Individuals

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) supports House Resolution (HR) 176 and House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 186, which urges the United States Department of Defense (DOD) and Defense Health Agency (DHA) to extend the renewal period for Secretarial Designee health care authorizations related to the Red Hill Water contamination crisis and to improve health care access for affected individuals.

In May and November 2021, jet fuel releases from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (Red Hill Facility) contaminated the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking water system. The contamination event affected 93,000 US military families and civilians, causing acute respiratory, skin, gastro intestinal and mental health symptoms.

On March 19, 2026, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) released their report on Clinical Follow-up and Care for Those Impacted by the JP-5 Releases at Red Hill, stating that the May and November 2021 release event created a public health crisis with lasting impacts. One of the NASEM's recommendations was to ensure continued access and continued eligibility for care to individuals that were affected. The extension of the authorization would demonstrate commitment and accountability to the long-term care for individuals exposed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of HR 176 / HCR 186.

Very truly yours,

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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Conference Room 411

In SUPPORT of HCR186/HR176: URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY TO EXTEND THE RENEWAL PERIOD FOR SECRETARIAL DESIGNEE HEALTH CARE AUTHORIZATIONS RELATED TO THE RED HILL WATER CONTAMINATION CRISIS AND TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE ACCESS FOR AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS.

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

On behalf of our over 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **SUPPORTS** HCR186/HR176, which urges critically needed support for military service members and their families who may continue to struggle with substantial physical, mental, and economic challenges arising from the 2021 Red Hill catastrophe.

As this resolution recognizes, many of those poisoned by jet fuel and other toxins in their Navy-provided drinking water continue to suffer from medical conditions requiring continued and in some cases intensive care. They along with others exposed to Navy water contamination may also require additional or future healthcare in light of the uncertain, long-term impacts of acute and chronic exposure to jet fuel, as highlighted in a recent National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Red Hill report. Notably, known and potential future health conditions may vary widely, with a wide range of documented symptoms that may require specialized, non-standardized and long-term treatment.

This resolution would accordingly provide important support for those military victims of the Navy's reckless operation of its decrepit Red Hill facility, whose ability to continue accessing Red Hill-related medical care is far from certain. Extending the authorization period for TRICARE coverage of civilian healthcare providers would provide much-needed assurances that medical monitoring, diagnoses, and treatment can continue, especially as medical needs arise and evolve. Improving the accessibility of TRICARE by expanding its coverage to civilian providers generally, ensuring continuity of care and "warm handoffs" that can let future healthcare providers understand and better heal those suffering from health challenges, and providing financial relief for out-of-pocket medical expenses would also help to address longstanding barriers to truly meaningful care that have persisted for years.

The Sierra Club does note that many, many civilians, including long-time and kama'aina residents and families, on the Navy's water lines were also poisoned during the 2021 Red Hill catastrophe. To the extent that these people may not have access to the same levels



of services as military families, the Sierra Club urges the legislature and our government leaders to also work to provide them with any needed federal support and relief.

Accordingly, the Sierra Club respectfully but strongly urges the Committee to **PASS** this measure. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.



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Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR186 / HR176 Improved Health Care; Red Hill Water Contamination Crisis

House Committee on Public Safety (PBS)

Chair Della Au Belatti, Vice Chair Kim Coco Iwamoto, and Members of the Committee

Date: Friday, March 27, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Conference Room 411 & Videoconference

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Iwamoto, and Members of the Committee:

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i strongly supports HCR186/HR176, which urges the United States Department of Defense and the Defense Health Agency to extend the renewal period for Secretarial Designee health care authorizations related to the Red Hill water contamination crisis and to improve health care access for all affected individuals.

I. The Need for Extended Secretarial Designee Authorization

As documented in the resolution, thousands of military families, civilian residents, and Department of Defense personnel were exposed to contaminated drinking water following the Red Hill fuel release in November 2021. Many continue to experience persistent symptoms including headaches, nausea, respiratory irritation, dermatological conditions, and other health impacts associated with fuel exposure.

The current requirement for frequent renewal of Secretarial Designee letters creates unnecessary instability for patients and providers. A **two-year renewal cycle**—as proposed—would reduce administrative barriers, support continuity of care, and ensure that affected individuals are not left without coverage during ongoing medical evaluations and treatment.

II. Health Impacts Persist Long After Relocation

The resolution correctly notes that many impacted families have since relocated to installations across the continental United States, where military treatment facilities may be limited or nonexistent.

Without reliable access to TRICARE-authorized civilian providers, these families face delays, denials, and gaps in care. Extending Secretarial Designee authorization and improving coordination between military and civilian systems is essential to ensuring that no family is left behind simply because they moved.

III. Improved Care Coordination Is Essential

The Environmental Caucus strongly supports the resolution's call for:

1. **Expanded access to civilian medical providers**
2. **Warm-handoff referral practices** between military and civilian systems
3. **Long-term medical monitoring** for fuel-exposed individuals
4. **Reimbursement or voucher programs** for out-of-pocket medical costs

These measures are not only reasonable—they are necessary. The health impacts of petroleum exposure can be chronic, complex, and slow to manifest. Families deserve a system that recognizes this reality and provides stable, long-term support.

IV. The Federal Duty of Care Must Be Honored

The resolution affirms that the federal government owes a duty of care to all individuals harmed by the Red Hill contamination event.

The Environmental Caucus agrees. Extending Secretarial Designee authorization and improving access to care are essential steps toward fulfilling that obligation.

V. Conclusion

For these reasons, the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i **strongly supports** HCR186/HR176 and urges the Committee to pass this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Alan Burdick, Co-Chair

Mike Ewall, Co-Chair

Melodie Aduja, Co-Chair *Emerita*

Environmental Caucus Democratic Party of Hawai'i

HR-176

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ben Sutton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HCR 176/186

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tara H Sutton	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

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

I want to start by stating that I'm submitting testimony in my personal capacity as a resident affected by the Red Hill water contamination.

My family lived on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam from 2019-2026. We experienced the contamination firsthand and have endured a range of health impacts that we believe are the result of our toxic exposure. Our water never had a smell or taste, but it did have an oily sheen on the surface that was eventually noticed. Shortly after the crisis began, my family experienced immediate health symptoms including asthma attacks, heartburn, nausea, skin irritation, stomach cramps, and other gastrointestinal issues. Even our cat avoided her water bowl for days and would get sick after eventually drinking. Early messaging during the crisis caused confusion about whether the water was safe and what exactly was meant by the "Navy water line." My family followed guidance to shower at the gym on base, just a half mile from our home. Eventually we learned that it too was served by the same contaminated water system so I had only been prolonging our exposure! When the Red Hill Clinic opened, I called the Nurse Advice Line to schedule an appointment - four hours later I was told I could go in the next morning. I was referred to a neurologist based out of Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) and diagnosed with *migraines with brainstem aura*. After three short months trying neurological medications to get my condition under control, I was informed that I could no longer receive care there because TAMC did not have enough neurologists to continue seeing civilians at that time. This was despite the fact that I am the spouse of an active duty service member, insured under TRICARE Prime, **and** a Red Hill patient.

I returned to the Red Hill Clinic, hoping they would restart the process of connecting me with a specialist since my health issues persisted after my exposure. Instead, they refused to see me again and were unable to provide a referral since TAMC did not have enough neurologists. I was also advised that I would need to seek specialty care on my own within the civilian healthcare network. There was no warm handoff, no transition of care, and no support navigating the system. I went on a year-long waitlist to see a neurologist while my condition went untreated.

Like many others affected by this crisis, I have faced ongoing challenges explaining my exposure history to new providers. I also now face the possibility of traveling to the continent for specialized diagnostic testing because the only facility on island capable of performing the testing I need is Cardiology at TAMC, which is not seeing civilian patients at this time. To this

day I experience uncertainty about what symptoms may be related to my exposure and concern about what the long-term impacts may be, particularly when it comes to the health of my brain.

The recently released [report from the National Academies of Sciences Engineering and Medicine](#) confirms that the Red Hill crisis is not over for many families. The committee recognized that Red Hill community members continue to experience physical and mental health impacts and emphasized the importance of ongoing clinical follow-up with consistent access to primary care that is both patient-centered and trauma-informed. The report also highlights the need for stronger collaboration between military and civilian health care systems and greater efforts to ensure continuity of care for people like myself.

This is why HCR187 matters. Policies that support continuity of care, long-term monitoring, and access to **both** military and civilian providers are essential for individuals affected by the Red Hill water crisis. Coordinated referrals with warm handoffs between providers would help prevent patients from falling through gaps in the system. Expanded access to civilian providers would help those who still struggle with trusting the intentions of the military when it comes to their health. Assistance with out-of-pocket costs would also reduce the burdens many families face while trying to obtain appropriate specialty care and new prescriptions.

Many families are still navigating these issues years after the crisis began. Those families are not only here in Hawai'i, but across the country and around the world as military families have relocated to new duty stations.

I respectfully urge the legislature to support HCR187 and any efforts that ensure long-term access to care for all members of the Red Hill community.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Tara Sutton

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Jamie Simic	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Iwamoto, and members of the Committee,

My name is Jamie Simic, and I support HCR186/HR176.

To this day, too many military and civilian families whose drinking water was poisoned by the Navy continue to struggle with significant physical, mental, and financial challenges stemming from the November 2021 Red Hill catastrophe.

I am providing this statement on the record as both an affected family member and an elected community liaison involved with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) report regarding the March 19, 2026 release on Red Hill fuel exposure. The findings underscore the seriousness of what occurred and the lasting impact on service members, their families, and the surrounding community.

A critical gap identified in the report is the lack of timely and comprehensive collection of environmental and biological samples during peak exposure. This failure has limited both the immediate response and long-term understanding of health impacts. Continued health surveillance, supported by participation in the Red Hill Registry and proper documentation in DOEHS, is essential to closing these gaps and ensuring appropriate care.

The National Academies have also recommended ongoing medical monitoring for all impacted individuals for the foreseeable future, given the potential for new health complications to emerge years or even decades after exposure.

At the same time, many military families, such as mine, affected by Red Hill have since been relocated to areas where military healthcare providers are limited, and where providers may be unfamiliar with the complexities of Red Hill-related exposures. This resolution would help ensure continuity of care by extending and expanding TRICARE coverage for civilian providers. Doing so will prevent disruptions in critical medical monitoring, diagnosis, and treatment, while also reducing the stress and uncertainty families face regarding their healthcare access.

Additionally, streamlining referral processes, ensuring warm handoffs to new providers, especially those in other jurisdictions, and providing relief from out-of-pocket expenses will remove significant barriers to meaningful and timely care.

I also urge the Committee and Legislature to acknowledge the ongoing healthcare and financial needs of civilian families on Navy water lines who are not eligible for TRICARE but were equally impacted. These families, many of whom are long-time Hawai'i residents and kama'āina like mine, deserve accountability and support. Federal responsibility for their care must also be addressed and advocated for by our state leaders.

While we hope such an event never happens again, this report is a clear reminder that future responses must include rapid, transparent action and immediate collection of environmental and biological data to better understand and mitigate impacts.

I also call for the expansion of the current secretarial designation to allow broader access to civilian healthcare providers. Many affected individuals, including myself, now live far from military installations or lack access to specialized care, and military facilities must prioritize active-duty personnel. Expanding access is essential to ensure equitable and timely care for all impacted individuals.

I extend my sincere thanks to the NASEM team, expert panelists, community liaisons, advocates, and all those continuing to fight for truth, transparency, continuity of care, and safety for both military and civilian populations affected by this crisis. It is critical that non-military individuals remain fully represented moving forward, and that data collected through DOEHRS is shared with the Red Hill Registry to address gaps identified in the report.

As someone directly impacted, I remain committed to advocating for accountability, improved care, and long-term support for all those affected across O'ahu.

Accordingly, I urge the Committee to PASS this resolution.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Jamie Simic

Red Hill Advocate

Former Military Spouse

Affected Family Member

NASEM Community Liaison

Red Hill Community Representative Initiative (CRI) Representative

Kam'aina resident Oahu 15+ years

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Chris Anton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This will be helpful to so many affected by the environmental disaster caused by military oil spills. The people needing care need to be able to work with doctors near them for travel reasons, and coordination issues of referrals, as well as utilize care they trust. Rural patients do not live near bases and would not have access to military care facilities easily. This update is not only good common sense, but it is needed as part of the response to the spills and those affected. Please pass and keep moving items forward. Thanks, from an affected civilian family

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephanie Wagner	Red Hill Registry	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am strongly URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY TO EXTEND THE RENEWAL PERIOD FOR SECRETARIAL DESIGNEE HEALTH CARE AUTHORIZATIONS RELATED TO THE RED HILL WATER CONTAMINATION CRISIS AND TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE ACCESS FOR AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS. I am not only an exposed Red Hill community member who drank the poisoned water at Kapilina Beach Homes in Ewa Beach having my personal health, as well as the health of my parents', being negatively impacted for the rest of our lives, but I also now work on the Red Hill Registry team through the University of Hawaii, to continue to fight and support the approximately 93,000 other people on the island of Oahu who were poisoned by jet fuel in our tap water in 2021. I am a RN of 26 years and always took my personal health, and the health of my family, very seriously. I was a very healthy person prior to 2021, and now, that is not the case anymore. My parents and I all lived in the same house in Kapilina Beach Homes in 2021 that was on the Navy's toxic water line, and our health symptoms since that time, are numerous and have now become chronic issues. My father, a former Navy underwater construction Diver, is now permanently deaf in one ear, with a 70% hearing loss in his other ear, due to showering in the contaminated water, which destroyed both of his cochlears according to the top ENT experts in Hawaii. Taking a shower, a basic human need, caused my father to become forever disabled after a 31 year Navy career as a Diver, during which time he clearly had no ear issues because they were checked regularly when he was active duty. He has now had to have a very risky surgery, a cochlear implant placed, in the ear with zero hearing anymore, in order to try to get some similance of normalcy, which he will now never have. My mother has had to endure a hysterectomy and invasive bladder surgery as a result of the jet-fuel contaminated water. The poisoned water put me into a very early menopause, causing my otherwise regular and normal monthly cycles prior to 2021, to just stop, leaving me completely infertile and taking the dream of ever being a mother away from me forever. This water crisis was not dealt with appropriately from the very beginning when the jet fuel spills happened in May and November of 2021, and this community has never received the proper help and support we deserve, due to the lack of oversight, compassion, honesty, and transparency from the Navy. There was never a national distater or emergency declared, when there should of been. No FEMA ever came to help us, and our suffering and poor treatment by the Navy barely makes the National news. There have been so many lies and so much coverup from the Navy, the truth is we will never know what were were actually exposed to and what we actually consumed, which makes it very hard to receive proper and adequate healthcare and medical treatment. Healthcare professionals and those of us who ingested the water need better information, testing, and recommendations, FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES. There is not great reasearch around what

happens to the human body when jet fuel is ingested, because jet fuel is never supposed to be ingested by humans, and no IRB Board would ever approve a study of that kind to be done. THE RED HILL COMMUNITY IS THE STUDY!!! No group of humans this large have every ingested as much jet fuel as we have. No one knows what is going to happen to our bodies going forward, and as a Nurse, that is terrifying. I lose sleep over that fact. We are all at increased risk of life-ending medical issues such as cancer, stroke, heart disease and attacks , etc. now. It is imperative that the Red Hill community, who have suffered so greatly and have to deal with so much PTSD and trauma now, have as much ongoing health and medical support as possible. Please pass this Bill to continue to help and support the Red Hill community continue to be able to have all the avenues open to receive the medical care, testing, and treatment we all deserve. We know the Navy won't help us, so it is up to the state of Hawaii to continue to do the right thing for any similance of some hope for our furture health. Thank you.

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Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Iwamoto, and members of the Committee,

My name is Nanea Lo and I **support** HCR186/HR176.

To this day, too many military and civilian families whose drinking water was poisoned by the Navy continue to struggle with significant physical, mental, and financial challenges arising from the November 2021 Red Hill catastrophe.

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Math have also recommended that medical monitoring of all Red Hill impacted individuals be continued for the foreseeable future, given the potential new health complications that may arise from their toxic exposure(s) in the years and decades to follow.

At the same time, many of the military families impacted by Red Hill have been relocated to other areas where military healthcare providers may be limited, and where the Red Hill catastrophe may not be as familiar to the military and medical communities as it is here.

This resolution accordingly would ensure that military service members and their families can continue to access healthcare for persistent or new medical issues relating to the Red Hill catastrophe, wherever they may be located. Extending and expanding the authorization period for TRICARE coverage of civilian healthcare providers will help to avoid potential disruptions to potentially critical medical care, and the associated stress of not knowing whether health monitoring, diagnoses, and treatment will continue if needed. Streamlining referral processes; ensuring "warm handoffs" to new providers, including those in other jurisdictions who may be unfamiliar with the very unique medical circumstances and conditions of impacted individuals; and providing out-of-pocket expense relief will also remove major barriers to meaningful care for these victims of the Navy's reckless operation of its decrepit Red Hill facility.

I do urge the Committee and the legislature to also acknowledge the ongoing healthcare and financial needs of the many, many civilian families on Navy water lines not eligible for TRICARE, who were also poisoned by the Navy's recklessness. Federal accountability for these families, who are also more likely to be long-time Hawai'i residents and kama'āina, should also be called for by our legislature and other government leaders.

Accordingly, I urge the Committee to PASS this resolution. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

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

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Carbon Cashback Hawai'i Member

Hawai'i Tax Fairness Coalition Member

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Patti Choy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Iwamoto, and members of the Committee,

I support HCR186/HR176 and hope you will PASS this resolution.

Thank you.

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Monique Delgado	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello My Family lived on Kapilina Beach Homes in Ewa Beach for 6 years & during the 2021 Red Hill leaks & spills. Prior to Red Hill I had no health conditions. Now I'm medically disabled on SSDI. I have Leucocytosis & I'm Auto Immune. I've lost my career & ability to drive. My vision is impaired & I black out. I'm limited with mobility & am mostly bed ridden & require assistance daily. I am under cardiology. Pulmonology, oncologist psychiatrist, & Opthamologist care. I've had to move away because Doctors ordered me to as to save my life! Red Hill & clean water is a priority over leases! Plumes move! Lead & PFAS leach to sands, pipes, water heaters! the navy has not fully cooperated, there's no over sight! No truth how bad it really is! I'm living proof it's bad! The navy needs to pay for the red hill poisoning! To create on island test labs & new water options, remediate homes, Military is important but so is human lives! Serve & protect the people & lands! Not poison & pollute & pay dollars!

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Peggy Wagner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a affected family member. I live in Kapilina Beach Homes, Ewa Beach, and lived here during the fuel spills and water poisoning in 2021. I am still having skin issues and see a dermatologist regularly. Please support this bill.

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Mariko Jackson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha--

My name is Mariko Jackson and I am submitting testimony in strong support of HCR 186.

People affected by the Red Hill water contamination crisis are still dealing with health concerns and ongoing uncertainty. There is very little known about the long term health effects of jet fuel in drinking water and people who were exposed have already had long term health effects from this travesty. HCR 186 is a reasonable and important step because it urges the Department of Defense and the Defense Health Agency to make Red Hill-related Secretarial Designee health care authorizations last for two years at a time, while also improving access to care through civilian providers, better care coordination, and support for out-of-pocket medical costs tied to Red Hill exposure.

This matters because many families have relocated, and not everyone has easy access to military treatment facilities. When people are still dealing with possible long-term health effects, they should not have to fight through repeated renewals and confusing gaps in the system just to keep receiving care. HCR 186 recognizes that continuity of care is essential.

Please support HCR 186 and help ensure that those impacted by Red Hill can continue to access the care and follow-up they need.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Mariko Jackson

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Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this measure making it easier for people affected by the Red Hill water contamination crisis to keep getting care. The Navy poisoned their own people. This measure is critically needed as part of the response to the spills and those affected. Please PASS!