

# BILL 48 (2021)

## Testimony

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
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Aloha,

I'll keep this short and simple because the problem and solution are clear: I support this bill because we must protect our water, now and forever.

Written  
Testimony

My only concern is the current wording about "100,000 gallons of any regulated substance." I understand the matter of legal jurisdiction, but use of the term 'regulated' makes me worry about the potential for a harmful but so-far unregulated substance to be stored against the spirit of this bill. Perhaps just the capacity limit is enough to warrant the need for a permit.

Mahalo for this effort and doing all that you can to rectify this decades-long issue.

Mahalo,  
Dylan Ramos  
District 5

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## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization retired  
Written Testimony I am in strong support. What the Naby has done, and continues to do, is an abomination. We must protect our water at all costs.  
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Organization  
Organization

Written  
Testimony

Dear Chair and Council Members,  
The tenuous condition of the Navy's Red Hill fuel tank installation has troubled local people for decades. Unfortunately, with the recent leaks on May 6, 2021, and November 20, 2021, and the knowledge that the Navy concealed information about past leaks, the situation has become increasingly perilous. Thus, representing the interests of our 4,100+ members, who are residents of Mānoa, the Mālama Mānoa Board of Directors implores the Honolulu City Council to vote in SUPPORT of Bill 48.

While we appreciate the mission of the Navy, we are seriously concerned with the lack of environmental stewardship at the Red Hill site. Specifically, we question the service life of the tanks, since they were constructed between 1940-1943, and are now in a dire state of erosion. The Navy's approach of cleaning, inspecting, and patching is not sufficient to protect the people living in Honolulu's primary urban core.

The scientific data that has been collected at the site does not provide ample evidence that the Navy is able to effectively maintain and operate the site safely until 2045. Consequently, we strongly support the Board of Water Supply's recommendation to move the fuel away from the aquifer into above ground storage tanks, and to reinforce the tanks with a secondary containment system. Also, we expect each tank and alarm system to be inspected more rigorously and frequently, at least annually. Furthermore, the Navy should be transparent and cooperate with BWS and DOH.

In Hawai'i, our watersheds have been revered and carefully managed with the ahupua'a system, which was created centuries ago by the High Chief Mā'ilikūkahī. Our people are just as precious as those living

in Manchester, Washington and Point Loma, San Diego, California, where the Navy relocated and improved other fuel tank facilities. Clean, fresh water is essential for life, and we deserve the equal treatment by the Navy to protect our constitutional right to life. We ask that the City & County of Honolulu, in coordination with DOH and the EPA, do whatever is in its power to expedite remediation of this impending disaster.

Sincerely,

Linda Legrande, President Mālama Mānoa

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Council/PH Council  
Committee  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written  
Testimony

I support the permanent removal and relocation of the U.S. Navy Red Hill Bulk Storage Facility underground storage tanks, which is what this bill hopes to accomplish. I have a 10-month old baby and I do not want to make him drink or bathe in contaminated water, which is what many military families have done unknowingly because of the Navy's negligence. Let's not sit idle and wait for the same thing to happen to even more families in Oahu. We must protect our water source to protect our lives.

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# Written Testimony

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Honolulu City Council

Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health

Meeting on January 11, 2022 at 9 a.m.

Honolulu Hale/Virtual Meeting

**RE: Support and suggestion for Bill 48 (2021), CD1**

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Elefante, and Transportation, Sustainability and Health Committee Members,

As you can glean from our name, Livable Hawaii Kai Hui is deeply concerned with the continuous threat posed by the Red Hill fuel tanks to our shared aquifer. This is why we **strongly support** Bill 48 (2021), CD1 regarding such underground storage tanks.

It is of utmost importance that we pass this Bill as part of a series of measures at all levels of government to address the Red Hill water crisis and prevent others like it.

**Our only concern** is the current phrasing of Sec. 41-45.2(a): "100,000 gallons of any regulated substance." Such wording may be a matter of legal jurisdiction, but use of the term "regulated" makes us concerned that a harmful but so-far unregulated substance could be stored against the spirit of this bill. Perhaps the capacity limit alone is enough to warrant the need for permitting.

Either way, we would like to send a big mahalo to this Committee – especially Committee Chair Cordero and Council Chair Waters who introduced this Bill – for providing the public an opportunity to address this issue on the local level.

The events of the past few months – let alone the 74 years since the first *documented* leak at Red Hill – have opened our eyes to the ever-clearer threat to our precious water resources.



What does it say about our situation when the poisoning of nearly 100,000 people's water isn't even close to the worst case scenario? Every second that we don't do anything brings us closer to certain catastrophic failure. This is not hyperbole, it is what the Navy's own studies have indicated.

Even if conditions remained the same as they are today, it would only be a matter of months until all of us – all of you and your constituents – are asked or even mandated to conserve water. That this crisis ironically came to light during the wet season has been the only silver lining on that front.

So once more, thank you for hearing this Bill, strengthening it, and passing it on for Council approval. While it may not be a cure-all, this and other efforts on the State and Federal level will be critical for ensuring a livable future for all living things on this island, and hopefully set a worldwide precedent.

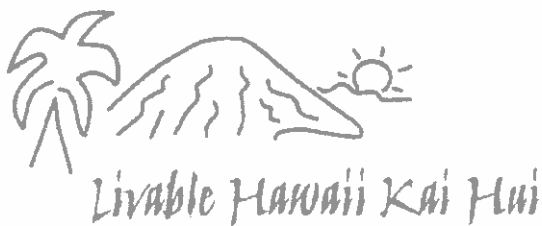
Mahalo,



Elizabeth Reilly  
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
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Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Councilmembers,

My name is Noel Kaleikalaunuoka'oia'i'o Shaw. As a resident of O'ahu, Hawaiian Homestead leasee, and a water drinker, I strongly support Bill 48, requiring any operator of underground storage tanks with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more, to obtain a permit from the City. It further stipulates that no permit will be granted unless the applicant proves that the tank or tank system will not leak regulated substances into the environment. We simply cannot permit underground storage tanks of that capacity or larger that pose such immense threat of leaking and contaminating our environment and water supply.

Written  
Testimony

The issue at Kapukākāī, Red Hill, has been eye opening. My family has lived on O'ahu for many generations and we continue to plan to do so for many more generations. We cannot allow for another situation to occur like the Navy's negligence resulting in the contamination of our water resources and the sickening of Hawai'i residents. The ramifications of which we will continue to have to deal with for many more years and we may have already been exposed to having been residents in Aliamanu for a number of years, even prior to 1995 when the public learned of the tanks existence.

The Red Hill facility – the fragile, antiquated fuel tanks and supporting systems – has a long history of leaking fuel into the surrounding environment and has already contaminated O'ahu's primary drinking water aquifer. Shutting down Red Hill immediately and entirely is the only way to guarantee the safety of our water and our people.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify and for taking up this important measure at the council. I urge the council to make this right and to work diligently to protect our most essential resource, clean water.

Mahalo,  
Noel Shaw

E Ola I Ka Wai!

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha. My name is Danielle Espiritu from Waimalu, 'Ewa, O'ahu, and I am writing to express my strong support for Bill 48. We as an island are in an unprecedented state of emergency due to the negligence of the United States Navy and the lack of action taken to hold them accountable to ensure that our land, water, and people are protected.

Placing millions of gallons of jet and diesel fuel just 100 feet above the aquifer that supplies the majority of drinking water for our island is not only irresponsible, it is a direct threat to our existence. Over 180,000 gallons of fuel have already leaked from the storage facility into the surrounding area. We need urgent action. Should this aquifer become compromised entirely, it will have devastating impacts on our entire island, poisoning the lands fed by the aquifer itself and stripping resources from other communities tapped to compensate.

Written Testimony I implore you on behalf of myself, my family, community, and future generations to pass Bill 48.

Furthermore, I ask that you stand, with courage, and ensure the U.S. Navy removes all fuel from the underground tanks as soon as possible. Our lives and the future of O'ahu depend on it.

Mahalo for your time.

Ke aloha,

Danielle Espiritu  
Waimalu, O'ahu

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha. My name is Damiana Espiritu. I grew up in Waimalu, and I am currently a resident in 'Ewa, O'ahu.

I am writing in strong support of Bill 48 and am calling on our elected officials to do everything possible to ensure the fuel is removed from the U.S. Navy's bulk storage facility at "Red Hill".

### Written Testimony

Our people, water, and land depend on your continued and swift action.

Mahalo,

Damiana-Frances Espiritu  
'Ewa, O'ahu

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha mai. My name is Danielle Pōmaika'i 'O Keikilani Akiona, and I am from Kāne'ohe, Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu.

I am writing in strong support of Bill 48 and implore you as our elected officials to do everything in your power to ensure the removal of fuel from the U.S. Navy's "Red Hill" Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

Written  
Testimony

As Kānaka Maoli, we understand the importance of wai (freshwater) to all life. The contamination of our aquifer system will not only affect the 'āina and residents from Hālawā through Maunaloa ("Hawai'i Kai"), who directly depend on it for their drinking and sustenance, but it will also affect other communities like those in my own Ko'olaupoko. Farmers in places like Waiāhole and Waikāne have fought hard and continue to advocate for the return of freshwater into our streams. Should the Southern O'ahu Basal Aquifer need to be shut down, it would have devastating effects on communities throughout Ko'olaupoko, who will carry the burden of supplying water to urban Honolulu, jeopardizing our ability to subsist and to carry on traditional practices in our own communities.

I implore you to act quickly and ask you to stand firm in calling for the removal of the underground tanks and shut down of the underground fuel storage facility.

Mahalo nui,

Pōmaika'i Akiona  
Kāne'ohe, O'ahu

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48 CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

January 11, 2022

Dear Chair Cordero and members of the Transportation, Sustainability, and Health Committee,

I am in SUPPORT of Bill 48 CD1.

The replacement of the text regarding not leaking during its operating life to protective of human health and the environment was good as long as such a definition cannot be misconstrued and forced to be allowed once the bill is made into law.

Written Testimony My question is why we would even allow a 100,000 gallon tank or tank system to be over an aquifer in the first place? Even a 50,000 gallon tank would be dangerous.

I don't know how large a gas station's tank is, but whatever that capacity is should be the maximum island-wide for any underground storage tank - - and with a limit of no more than a certain number of tanks within a certain sized area.

I hope that if and when Bill 48 passes in whatever iteration, that it will be made effective as urgently as legally possible. The fuel tanks in Red Hill are a clear and present danger.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Denise Boisvert  
Waikiki

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha,

I am submitting testimony in SUPPORT of Bill 48, CD1.

Written Testimony Greatly reducing the size limit of a tank or tank system allowed over an aquifer from the current 100,000 gallons in the proposed bill would be even more protective and safer for human health and the environment! Just a thought.

Sincerely,  
Kim Jorgensen

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

Aloha,  
I strongly support bill 48 and see this situation as an important crisis.

The Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility ("Facility") is a prime example of how a leaky underground storage tank can threaten our most precious resource. The DOH has concluded that the storage of up to 187 million gallons of fuel, 100 feet above a drinking water resource, is inherently dangerous. The Facility's tanks, each with a 12.5 million-gallon capacity, had a quarter-inch thick steel liner when first constructed nearly 80 years ago. They are encased in aging concrete and sit 100 feet above O'ahu's drinking water aquifer. These steel liners have been corroding to the point where many through-wall holes have been found and are now less than one-third of their original thickness in some places. These tanks have leaked 180,000 gallons of fuel since they were constructed and the Navy's own risk assessment from 2018 concluded that the probability of an acute leak of between 1,000 and 30,000 gallons (independent of any earthquake risk) over the next ten years is 96%. The Navy cannot prove that the tank or tank system will not leak regulated substances into the environment. Approximately 93,000 people living in military housing have been unable to use their water for several weeks. Water will not be restored, and those who were displaced will not be able to return home, for at least six to eight weeks, if not longer. If the Navy water system is further compromised, our housing crisis will mushroom. DOH said that a water sample taken from the Red Hill drinking water shaft on December 5 confirmed the water is contaminated with "high levels" of petroleum and gasoline. The sample detected total petroleum hydrocarbons diesel range organics levels 350 times above the DOH Environmental Action Level (EAL) for drinking water, and gasoline range organics more than 66 times the DOH EAL. Lower levels of petroleum products were also found in samples collected from the Aliamanu

Child Development Center as well as homes located on the Navy's water system. The 14,000 gallon leak of water-fuel mixture through a fire suppression system drain line at Red Hill in mid-November is suspected to be the cause of this water contamination crisis. Navy officials cannot be trusted to protect our water. They have lied time and time again: The Navy lied about an active leak at Pearl Harbor for months, discovering the leak in January 2021 but not informing Health Department officials until May. This was revealed in whistleblower emails and documents in October.

A whistleblower also told the Department of Health in September that Navy officials provided false testimony and withheld information about the full extent of the Facility's infrastructure, including connected pipelines, as well as "historical records of corrosion issues, including holes in tanks" at its Red Hill fuel facility during legal proceedings.

The Navy continues to confuse and gaslight community members.

The Navy suspended use of its Red Hill water shaft on November 28, but the public only found out on December 1.

Hundreds of community members reported chemical smells in their water on November 28 and then health issues on November 29, which the Navy refused to acknowledge as a potential health concern until the state Department of Health advised residents to not drink the clearly contaminated water.

A day after the Navy said it had detected diesel in its 'Aiea Hālawa well at levels more than double the DOH safety limit, the military backtracked, saying the contaminated sample "did not come directly" from the well and the Navy does not believe the result proves the well is contaminated.

They continue to not be transparent despite agreeing to the Administrative Order of Consent, which requires them to be more forthcoming about operations at the Red Hill facility.

The BWS Hālawa shaft will be shut down until fuel is removed from the tanks and may not reopen for years to come. This shaft was a source of water for South O'ahu from Hālawa to Maunaloa. The BWS has advised that mandatory water conservation measures will now need to be in place in the summer of 2022.

Please help us sustain drinking water for Hawaii's future! We need all your help.

Aloha,  
Brenda wong

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## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on  
the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

My name is Jake Ferreira. I am a junior at Castle B. highschool learning about the jet fuel spill. I am here to state my support for the shutting down of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. One reason to shut down the facility is there is a potential for continual leakage of jet fuel to happen in the future. Another reason is it is built 100 feet over our aquifer that supports 20% of the people. I care about this issue because I live on oahu. If there is less water that means we are going to have to ration water. Meaning we can't use as much water because they will take water from us to serve the other people. I am asking the Honolulu City Council Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health to move the jet fuel completely somewhere else so it doesn't leak again. I would like them to not dump the fuel anywhere, for example halawa. It is not ok for the navy to dump the jetfuel water anywhere because jet fuel is not beneficial for the land and ocean. If anything it is disastrous and it is ignorant for the navy to think they can just let it flow into the land and oceans and pollute them.

sincerely, Jake Ferreira

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Council members. I am Keola Kalahiki-Umiamaka and I am a junior at Castle High School. I am here to support the shutting down of the Red Hill bulk fuel storage facility. I support this because these jet fuel tanks are 100 feet above an aquifer that has provided 20% of people with clean and fresh water. Each of these 20 tanks hold up to 12.5 million gallons of jet fuel and have not been checked if it's safe or not for years. The navy should be accountable for this because it is their fault, they knew this would happen and we warned them about it but they said nothing will go wrong and look at today. I care about this issue because this water was here before us and it takes 25 years to filter it in lava rocks and to see the water being contaminated? Seeing kids and people shower and drink this without knowing it's contaminated and gets all these rashes. If the navy does not clean this up we are stuck with it which the cost of cleaning it up will be crazy. I am asking the Honolulu City Council Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health to listen to the people and get rid of the fuel or Shut it down or move it somewhere not by an aquifer. Water is everything in Hawaii. We use it to cook, to eat and to shower it's sad to see people go without it. Ola Ika Wai! Life Is Water!

Mahalo,  
Keola Kalahiki-Umiamaka

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written  
Testimony

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Council members, I am a Junior at James B. Castle High School. I was born and raised on the Island of Oahu on the east side. I am here to state my support for the shutting down of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. There are many reasons I support the shutting down of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. One of my main reasons I support the shutting down of Red Hill is because there are 20 tanks that are 250 feet tall and 100 feet wide and hold 12.5 million gallons of fuel sitting only 100 feet above our aquifer that supplies 20 % of Oahu's residents. I care about this issue and something being done about it because this isn't the first time it has happened, this has been an ongoing problem for years. If this continues this could affect my future. I don't want to have to worry about whether my water is safe for not only me but for my keiki to drink. I want to be able to turn on the pipe and fill up a bottle without worrying if my baby's are going to get sick or be affected by the water they just drank. I am asking the Honolulu City Council Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health to . . . take extra precautions moving forward with this issue whether you guys choose to shutdown Red Hill or keep Red Hill up and running. I hope you guys take the right steps toward fixing this problem and do what's best for the people of Oahu.

Mahalo, Nanea Brown-Santiago

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Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Council members,

As a Kanaka Maoli I am a lifelong resident of 'Oahu. I have spent all my life here on the island of 'Oahu raising my children and my grandchildren. As an involved and voting member of my community I am concerned about the current handling of the Red Hill bulk fuel storage facility.

The United State military has had a long and troubling history in Hawai'i from the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom to the use of Kaho'olawe as a target for bombing practice. It appears that in many respects some things never change. While the Navy suspended the use of the Red Hill facility on November 28, the public continued to drink from this water source up to December 1.

### Written Testimony

Many people within the community reported chemical smells coming from their water as well as health concerns they were experiencing. The Navy's response to this was to refuse to acknowledge a potential health concern, and it was the state Department of Health who advised residents to not drink the clearly contaminated water.

Soon after the Navy conceded and stated that it had detected diesel in its 'Aiea Hālawā well at levels more than double the DOH safety limit, we now know that those levels are over 350 times the safe level.

The Navy continues to not be transparent despite agreeing to the Administrative Order of Consent, which requires them to be more forthcoming about operations at the Red Hill facility.

I am here to state my support of Bill 48 which requires a permit from the City. Long term I

support the shutting down of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

As stated earlier as a native to this place I understand the absolute importance of clear water. I want to continue to raise my progeny in a place where the basic necessity of life, water, is clean, pure and safe. There is no substitute for pure water.

I am asking the Honolulu City Council Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health to support Bill 48 and eventually shut down the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Facility.

In the words of George Helm, "We are in a 'revolution of consciousness' .... What we (are) looking for is the truth . . .there is man and there is environment. One does not supersede the other . . . Man is merely the caretaker of the land that maintains his life and nourishes his soul. Therefore, the 'āina is sacred."

Mahalo,  
Colleen Everett

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## Written Testimony

Name Taylor  
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Meeting Date 01-10-2022  
Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Council members. My name is Taylor and I am a junior in high school. I am here to state my support to the shutting down of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. The reason I support the shutting down of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility is because it's dangerous. There is jet fuel in the aquifer that provides water for 25% of homes in O'ahu. I care about this issue because it could make us sick and it's important because that's the water our kids will be drinking in the future. I also care because I don't want my family to drink the water, and they get all sick and I can't see them. I am asking the Honolulu City Council Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health to listen to us and maybe consider shutting down the company. I think this is a very important topic that I think should be acknowledged. Mahalo, Taylor Chung.

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## Written Testimony

Name	Dyson Chee
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Council/PH Committee	Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Agenda Item	Bill 48
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Organization
Organization	Hawai'i Youth Climate Coalition
Written Testimony	
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Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-chair Elefante, and Councilmembers Kia'āina and Tulba,

My name is Dyson Chee, I am 19 years old, and I am submitting written testimony on behalf of the Hawai'i Youth Climate Coalition (HYCC) in strong support of Bill 48.

HYCC is a youth-led, youth-founded organization dedicated to taking on the climate crisis through just and equitable means. While the Red Hill fuel tanks do contribute to the climate crisis, with the fuel being a fossil fuel product itself, this issue goes far beyond climate change. It is a human health, cultural, and environmental disaster that has been decades in the making.

The removal of the Red Hill fuel tanks is of tantamount importance for anyone who drinks fresh water. The Navy has proven that they are unable to prevent the tanks from leaking into our aquifer, and they have failed to demonstrate practicable tank upgrade alternatives. Although our fresh water source is being threatened today, we must also keep in mind that this issue is expected to get worse in the future. Researchers at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa have found that, under a dry future climate scenario, the amount of fresh water we can draw from our aquifer could decrease significantly by 2050.

In a way, the Red Hill crisis happening currently may be a blessing in disguise—if we take action and remove the tanks now, we may be spared from having a grimmer crisis in the future when our aquifer becomes more depleted than it is now. This, among many other reasons, is why we must maintain pressure on the Navy to remove the fuel tanks.

Finally, we would like to thank those who have been at the forefront of this issue for several years, serving as trailblazers for the sake of our community, and to those who are taking firm action now to ensure that this same crisis does not plague our children and their futures.

We hope that this committee will pass Bill 48, and mahalo for considering our testimony.

Sincerely,  
Dyson Chee

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## Written Testimony

Name Joe Verville  
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Meeting Date 01-11-2022  
Council/PH  
Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item bill 48  
Your position on  
the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Greetings Honolulu City Council,

My name is Joe and I don't like drinking gasoline. In fact, I would die if I drank gasoline. I am here to state my support for the shutting down of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

Since 20% of Oahu's population is affected by the aquifer I believe that bill 48 is of utmost importance. Currently, people suffer from the effects of the red hill fuel storage. I want the bill passed because it would help prevent an operation like the red hill fuel storage facility from continuing in secrecy. Kai Kahele stated that "The first step to our solution is to protect the people." How are we protecting our people if some had ingested water that is 300 times above safe drinking level?

Written  
Testimony

I am disappointed with the effects of this issue because while we have already lost access to a large amount of clean water, we need to prevent something similar from ever happening again. The women and children who were dependent on access to that water now face a crucial challenge in everyday life.

I am asking the Honolulu City Council Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health to enact bill 48 as a symbol of growth. May we grow from this mistake and move forward as a group rather than teams?

Please enact bill 48 and protect the people of hawaii, our people of hawaii. Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not.

Sincerely,

Joe Verville

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## Written Testimony

Name Astoman Fifita  
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Meeting Date 01-10-2022  
Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Council members

My name is Astoman Fifita and I am a Junior at James B. Castle High school in Kaneohe. I am here to state my support for the Bill 48 Requiring a Permit for facilities like the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

I support Bill 48 requiring a permit for facilities like the Red Hill because it helps with the people being more aware of things being built. It also helps with things being more controlled and less complicated which makes things not only easier, but more beneficial.

Written  
Testimony

This situation has caused a lot of worry and concerns for families on the island of Hawaii. To me, my family, and my community, I think it's important that we should all have clean drinking water. These types of facilities should require a permit because it requires facilities to develop emergency plans, find insurance and financial backing and train employees to handle hazards. Permits help with the safety of not only the facility, but the people as well.

I am asking the Honolulu City Council Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health to consider requiring permits to facilities like the Red Hill. It's very important for the people of Hawaii to be able to know that the water they are drinking is safe. For the people and the community, I consider you to make the right choice for the betterment of Hawaii and to ensure the safety of our people and our land.

Mahalo, Astoman Fifita

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## Written Testimony

Name Ho'onaona Bear  
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Meeting Date 01-11-2022  
Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

Hi i'm a Junior in a public high school on oahu hawaii. I am here to state that i support Bill 48 Requiring a Permit for facilities like the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. I support the bill 41 because who every has the permit form the city they will be the ones responsible because we all know that the navy spilled the fuel but they don't want to take blame. Another reason i support the bill because it keeps track of it better and it could prevent any more spilling into our water and i'm not trying to drink water with fuel in it or shower with fuel in it. I care about this issue because i want to be able to drink clean water from my faucet when i run out of bottled water. I want to be able to shower in clean water without getting fuel on me when i do. Lastly I want to be able to live here in the future and my kids will have nice safe water to drink and use freely when they want to. I am asking the Honolulu City Council Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health to make this bill and make whoever is responsible to take action and clean it all up. Also they should make the bill so they would need a permit and they can keep track of what they do. I just want to say hopefully making this bill will make the navy realize how serious the people are and for them to not be able to pollute any more of our water so we can have safe drinking water.

Mahalo/Sincerely Ho'onaona Bear

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## Written Testimony

Name	Bradley Shields
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Meeting Date	01-11-2022
Council/PH Committee	Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Agenda Item	48
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	The Navy must drain the tanks immediately
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## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	01-11-2022
Council/PH Committee	Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Agenda Item	Bill 48
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Please just use common sense to ensure that any permit holder doing anything that may adversely affect the water supply is held responsible and accountable for their actions. This isn't rocket science. Please don't let those that do the wrong thing get away without consequences. THIS IS OUR WATER.
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH  
Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48 CD1  
Your position on  
the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

As a graduate student and new resident to Hawaii, I never imagined that I'd have to worry about clean and safe drinking water during my time here. All residents and community members should be able to live here without having to worry about whether their drinking water is safe. As a former resident of Michigan, I've seen firsthand how a water crisis can affect a community, and community members of Flint are still feeling the effects of such a crisis to this day. I implore council members to put the safety, health, and we'll-being of the community here on Oahu first when making a decision regarding this bill. Thank you.

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## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-11-2022  
Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony I continue to support the City Council in its' efforts to hold the Navy and any others accountable. Our water is the most important thing to our island's sustainability and life. I stand on my previous testimony as well. Thank you.

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## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-11-2022  
Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

My name is Brennan Yamaguchi I am a seventh grader at Maryknoll and I am familiar with lawmaking as a partial co-writer of last years Senate Bill 936.

Written  
Testimony

I'm supporting Bill 48 for clean water for my generation and for generations in the future. I think there are not enough controls and now this contamination has occurred. Let's make the water safe for our community.

Thank you,  
Brennan

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## Written Testimony

Name	Eugene Kawaguchi, MD
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Meeting Date	01-11-2022
Council/PH Committee	Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Agenda Item	red hill tanks
Your position on the matter	Support
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## Written Testimony

Name Carol Philips  
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Meeting Date 01-11-2022  
Council/PH Council  
Committee  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Dear City Council,

Written Testimony I strongly support this bill. Thank you for taking this very important issue of water quality and safety so seriously.

Respectfully,

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## Written Testimony

Name	Patricia Blair
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Meeting Date	01-11-2022
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Bill 48 CD1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	The Navy must be held accountable for Red Hill. Hold permitted accountable for protecting human health and the environment.
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## Written Testimony

**Name** Kristen Young  
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**Meeting Date** 01-11-2022  
**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Bill 48  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

Aloha e Councilmembers,

I am a resident of O'ahu and I strongly support Bill 48 CD1 as a step toward protecting our environment and natural resources from being further contaminated. It is extremely reasonable to regulate the storing of petroleum products, especially when they're so close to our natural resources. With the current contamination crisis originating from the Red Hill underground fuel tanks, we are reminded how necessary Bill 48 is to ensure nothing like this happens again that would jeopardize our food/water supply, our lives.

**Written Testimony** The new amendments to the bill that specify the permitting process which would hold permittees accountable for protecting human health and the environment are extremely important as we've seen the U.S. Navy show great disregard for this place and people during a crisis they let happen.

We live on an island and we share resources. We know how essential water is. O'ahu is counting on you to prioritize our precious, shared life source. Please do that by supporting Bill 48 in its most recent form.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Kristen

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## Written Testimony

Name	Bradley Shields
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Meeting Date	01-11-2022
Council/PH Committee	Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Agenda Item	Bill 48, CD 1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	The permitting amendment makes sense so I support that
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## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-11-2022  
Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha mai kākou,

As a Native Hawaiian, resident and taxpayer in Hawai'i I support Bill 48. It is absolutely vital that we take steps to protect our natural resources and this bill contributes to ensuring that happens.

The Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility is the most recent example of how neglected underground storage tanks threaten our drinking water, one of our most precious resources.

Written Testimony We all know that the resources here, in our island home, are scarce to begin with. Failing to protect them to the utmost extent of our ability dooms us to an uncertain future. We cannot afford to hand this future over to our 'ōpio. We must address this and other threats to our natural resources TODAY!

The Navy has shows that it cannot be trusted to protect these resources. I strongly urge that the Committee recommend to the Mayor that he place the Board of Water Supply as the department with the authority to implement and enforce the permit outlined in Bill 48.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Ian Keali'i Custino

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## Written Testimony

Name	John Shockley
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Meeting Date	01-11-2022
Council/PH Committee	Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Agenda Item	CD48
Your position on the matter	Comment
Representing Organization	Organization Free Access Coalition
Written Testimony	<p>Aloha!</p> <p>The Free Access Coalition supports complete removal of the underground fuel storage facility at Red Hill being operated by the U.S. Navy. We understand they are now being compelled by the State to evacuate the aging tanks on an emergency basis...There is a possibility that the tanks could later be refilled.</p> <p>The Navy needs to make new plans that are appropriate for the water safety of the Honolulu aquifer by shutting down Red Hill completely and using other storage plans that do not threaten the water supply of Honolulu.</p> <p>We sincerely hope the City Council understands the gravity of free public access to clean drinking water. Without water, all other City and State problems become moot. Let's not make a fatal mistake with the future of the City.</p> <p>Mahalo for your time and hopefully your Kokua.</p>
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH  
Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48 CD1  
Your position  
on the matter Support  
Representing  
Organization Self

Written  
Testimony Aloha Kākou,  
My name is Malia Marquez and I am from Maunaloa. I strongly support Bill 48 CD1. We need to hold the Navy and any others accountable. Water is life, there is NO substitute for pure water. Kapūkakī (Red Hill) MUST be shut down now. The longer we wait the more detrimental this situation will get. Mahalo for your time.

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## Written Testimony

Name David Nakamoto  
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Meeting Date 08-11-1940  
Council/PH Committee Public Safety  
Agenda Item Bill 048-21  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony My name is David S. Nakamoto, born, raised and worked in Hawaii, now living n Nuuanu. My grave concern is to protect the major aquifer that is being threatened by the fuel tank situation caused by the Navy. The aquifer if allowed to be damaged would cause a catastrophic disaster to the people of Hawaii as well as for future generations. Hawaii, and the entire planet cannot afford to lose this precious natural resource that sustains all of us.

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## Written Testimony

Name	Kawena Lauriano
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Meeting Date	01-11-2022
Council/PH Committee	Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Agenda Item	Bill 48 CD1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Aloha, I am writing today in strong support of Bill 48 CD1. While I believe that no fuel tanks should ever be built on a water aquifer, I believe this bill will help in holding those accountable in case of fuel spill, like the one we are experiencing today. Mahalo.
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January 10, 2022

To: Honolulu City Council  
From: Hawai'i Peace and Justice

RE: In support of Bill 48 CD1

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'āina, and Councilmembers,

My name is Rebekah Garrison and I am a white settler who calls O'ahu home. I am a water drinker, a member of O'ahu Water Protectors, and a community organizer for Hawai'i Peace and Justice (HPJ). HPJ is a grassroots organization that strives to create a more peaceful, just and sustainable Hawai'i. One of our priorities is protecting the islands from the negative environmental and social impacts of militarization.

Thank you to the council members for hearing Bill 48 CD1 and for prioritizing the protection of the island's most precious resource—clean, unpolluted drinking water. HPJ strongly supports the passage of Bill 48 CD1.

The Navy has assured us that it can safely operate the 20 deteriorating fuel tanks holding 200 million gallons of fuel a mere 100 feet above O'ahu's sole-source aquifer. But history has proven that the Navy cannot protect the water from the leaking fuel in its antiquated fuel storage system. This is not a hypothetical problem. The aquifer has already been contaminated. People have already been poisoned and hospitalized. Pets have already died.

We strongly support Bill 48 CD 1, which would empower the City and County of Honolulu to enforce regulations on underground storage tanks. In media remarks by Secretary of the Navy Del Toro, and in the Navy's opposition to the Governor's emergency order calling for the tanks to be defueled, we see the Navy's contempt for local laws, governing structures, and the health and wellbeing of all who call O'ahu home. And recognizing that the State of Hawai'i has historically been reluctant to regulate the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, it is important that the County exercise greater local control over underground storage tanks.

HPJ strongly supports Councilmember Cordero's new amendments to Bill 48 specifying the permitting process. HPJ continues to call for the immediate defueling and permanent decommissioning of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. Faced with this disaster unfolding in real time, do not let the Red Hill crisis become an island-wide tragedy. Protect Kapūkaki. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for taking up this important measure at the council. Ola i ka wai. Water is life.

Sincerely, Rebekah Garrison, Hawai'i Peace and Justice

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Public Safety  
Agenda Item Bill 048-21  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

My name is David S. Nakamoto, born, raised and worked in Hawaii, now living in Nuuanu.  
My grave concern is to protect the major aquifer that is being threatened by the fuel tank situation caused by the Navy. The aquifer if allowed to be damaged would cause a catastrophic disaster to the people of Hawaii as well as for future generations. Hawaii, and the entire planet cannot afford to lose this precious natural resource that sustains all of us.

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## Written Testimony

Name Tehya Nichols  
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Meeting Date 01-11-2022  
Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

I support Bill 48 because storing 87 million gallons of fuel 100 feet above drinking water is dangerous and irresponsible. The handling of this situation by the navy is unacceptable, they have lied and caused many people to become sick and displaced. The military has a past of doing things illegally behind closed doors when it comes to safety and environmental concerns and has again proven that they are not reliable in a situation such as this. The facilities were built nearly 80 years ago and are unfit to be used. Even if facilities were not this old, the location of these tanks right above an important water source is unacceptable and puts many people at risk of serious health problems.

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## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-11-2022  
Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48 CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'āina, and Councilmembers,

It is reprehensible that The Navy has contested the order for a month now, pushing back the DOH's 30 day directive to submit a workplan and begin the removal process. The workplan would detail how the fuel storage facility may be decommissioned and nearly 180 million gallons fuel safely moved. Why are we continuing to allow the Navy to manipulate the facts and propose dilution as the solution to pollution? We all know this antiquated thinking must be left in the past!! We are all at risk!!!

Written  
Testimony

As a resident of O'ahu and a water drinker, I strongly support Bill 48, requiring any operator of underground storage tanks with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more, to obtain a permit from the City. It further stipulates that no permit will be granted unless the applicant proves that the tank or tank system will not leak regulated substances into the environment. Additionally recent amendments are acceptable but still we simply cannot permit underground storage tanks of that capacity or larger that pose such immense threat of leaking and contaminating our environment and water supply. Frankly, tanks of any size should not be located in proximity to our aquifers which is included in the new amendments, thank you.

Now that O'ahu, the economic driver of our state is being impacted (no longer just a threat of continued leaking, but documented spills), we must end this threat. If we lose our access to clean water, literally we die. Tourism, military, agriculture, and all other economic drivers cease to exist, which should be wake up call to even the most profit driven decision makers.

The Red Hill facility – the fragile, antiquated fuel tanks and supporting systems – has a long history of leaking fuel into the surrounding environment and has already contaminated O'ahu's primary drinking water aquifer. Shutting down Red Hill immediately and entirely is the only way to guarantee the safety of our water and our people. Also, we must do this to



restore sense of trust between the US Government / military complex and the citizens and peoples of Hawaii. Long history of disregard for our residents and communities must end today.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify and for taking up this important measure at the council.

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## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-11-2022  
Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

My name is Jonelle Hoshide, and I am a resident of Ewa, Oahu.

I am writing to express my strong support of Bill 48. I urge you as our elected officials to do everything in your power to protect our people and communities by ensuring we have clean drinking water.

Written Testimony I ask that you stand firm and that you fight for the removal of the Navy's underground fuel tanks at "Red Hill." They pose a direct threat to our island's main source of drinking water. We need to act quickly before there is irreparable damage.

Thank you,

Jonelle Hoshide  
Ewa, Oahu

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# Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48 CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Written Testimony Protect the Land, Protect the Water!  
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# **Dismantle the Hill by Knowa Know**

**The cold oil coated restraints are negating  
the flow of strength**

**The safe stream of high rising waters that  
flow free from the sovereign nation  
seemingly crackling with energy now they  
run down with groggy sediments and**

**crackle like grease @knowaknow**

**As the oil "Cooks" the land similar to that  
infamous colonizer**

**Now the stove of generational health and  
families are in danger**

**I pray for my loved ones, the water  
protectors, the healers, the fighters, the  
activists, the redeemers. Even from nearly  
5 thousand miles away on Turtle Island  
your mana and power of your voices echo in  
my heart and strength my creeds.**

# **Dismantle the Hill by Knowa Know**

**Those same voices that ripple over and can make  
change against those who are brutally set on  
eyeing the land for markets and setting the table  
for a colonial feast.**

**◀ Their goal in restricting their breathing and health  
shall not prosper.**

**The diaspora that runs through the ancestors to  
the modern threats against the source of life,  
water, we must stand together.**

**The sovereign nation is facing a picket fence rosy  
with blood quantum, deforestation, and greater  
loss of life. Now to barrage these cuffs of  
imperialism and colonialism that threaten the land  
with action and humanity.**

**Rampage against the rustic storms of profit and  
disregard against human life. Shut Down Red Hill.**

**@knowaknow**

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council  
Committee  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

As a part Native Hawaiian, the waters of O'ahu have nourished my family for centuries. I attribute my ancestors reverence to nature, especially water, to my existence. Therefore, I strongly support Bill 48 requiring any operator of underground storage tanks with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more, to obtain a permit from the City. It must be ENSURED that any man inflicted impact to the environment will not destroy life systems that have taken millions of years to establish. Especially systems that all life depend on for viability.

### Written Testimony

The Red Hill, Kapukaki, tank leakage must be the last time a known major environmental issue is gone unaddressed without immediate action. It must be the last time that the land (anywhere in the world) is second to that of the desires of the people. The land is the people!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for taking up this important measure at the council.

Lindsey

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Bill 48CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha City Council:

Written  
Testimony

I am a kamaaina, raised in Manoa, and am currently living with my husband and daughter in Kaneohe. We returned to Oahu in 2013, when my husband opened up an office for Prudential Financial. As a child in Manoa, I was blissfully unaware of the Red Hill Fuel tanks. Unfortunately, when we returned, I began to read the paper and learn about the imminent danger the fuel tanks pose to Oahu's water source. I became more alarmed when Ernie Lau, Board of Water Supply President, warned local citizens that the fuel tanks were an environmental hazard, and needed to be removed. Years passed, and nothing was done.

The Navy has a poor track record for remediating environmental disasters, once they have happened. See an article in Civil Beat that details the Navy's negligence in cleaning up environmental messes that they caused.

Pure water is essential for life. The time to drain the Red Hill tanks is now, before more spills occur. There is no time to waste. As a kamaaina of Oahu, I ask you to protect the aquifer for Oahu for future keiki and kupuna.

Thanks,

Sincerely,

Anne McCrea Orndahl

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Red Hill Oil Spill  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Organization  
Organization Sierra Club

Written Testimony These tanks have leaked 180,000 gallons of fuel since they were constructed and the Navy's own risk assessment from 2018 concluded that the probability of an acute leak of between 1,000 and 30,000 gallons (independent of any earthquake risk) over the next ten years is 96%. The Navy cannot prove that the tank or tank system will not leak regulated substances into the environment.

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Bill 48 CD1  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written  
Testimony

I oppose a bill that allows the storage of underground fuel tanks above Oahu's "primary source of drinking water". It is ridiculous that a bill that permits this for any longer is shameful. No permit should be granted. The only motion that should be filed is a cease and desist with a thorough clean up and soil remediation. There is no turning back, there is no more shady back room deals. If our only natural aquifer is contaminated then it would be catastrophic to all of us! These tanks have been leaking for years. This issue has been brushed to the side for too many years. Only when military patrons are effected is this newsworthy. Please stand with the people of Hawaii and order for the cease, desist, immediate removal and remediation be out to motion. Our future relies on it and our future generations deserve to have a future with natural drinking water for the place we call home not a lab.

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'āina, and Councilmembers,

As a resident of O'ahu and a water drinker, I strongly support Bill 48, requiring any operator of underground storage tanks with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more, to obtain a permit from the City. It further stipulates that no permit will be granted unless the applicant proves that the tank or tank system will not leak regulated substances into the environment. We simply cannot permit underground storage tanks of that capacity or larger that pose such immense threat of leaking and contaminating our environment and water supply.

Written  
Testimony

The Red Hill facility – the fragile, antiquated fuel tanks and supporting systems – has a long history of leaking fuel into the surrounding environment and has already contaminated O'ahu's primary drinking water aquifer. Shutting down Red Hill immediately and entirely is the only way to guarantee the safety of our water and our people.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for taking up this important measure at the council.

Sincerely,

Ashley Katamoto

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH  
Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48 CD 1  
Your position on  
the matter Support  
Representing  
Organization Self

Written  
Testimony I support the intent of this bill to protect life, land and health. However, this bill needs to be stronger in communicating that. No risk is acceptable in the present case of the fossil fuel tanks in Red Hill. Water is life. Land is life. Decisions should be more firm and final, and revisiting firm decisions that have been made should not easily be revisited (e.g., five years in the bill is too weak). The public and the land should be protected forever.  
Thank you!

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Agenda Item	Bill 48
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I support the City Council and the efforts to protect our water, land, and overall environment.
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## Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

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January 11, 2022

Via Email and U.S. Mail

Committee on Transportation, Sustainability, and Health  
Honolulu City Council  
Honolulu Hale, Room 202  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Bill 48, C.D. 1, on Underground Fuel Storage Facilities  
Hearing: January 11, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

Aloha, Members of the Committee:

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i has 5,450 enrolled members within the State Party's total membership of about 140,000. The Environmental Caucus has been leading the Party's expressions of grave concerns about the Red Hill UST facility since the Caucus was founded some ten years ago.

We have already testified in favor of Bill 48, and continue to support the bill.

Just this past Saturday, January 8, 2022, we introduced a resolution at a meeting of the Party's State Central Committee, which passed unanimously, calling for the immediate closure of the Red Hill UST facility. (A copy is attached.)

We will keep our concerns brief:

1. The massive facility is a threat of environmentally catastrophic proportions for the people of Hawai'i. A significant "spill" could gush out 24,000 gallons of fuel per minute and would fundamentally destroy the drinking water supply for the entire Island of O'ahu, home to the City and County of Honolulu, with a total resident population of about one million. Honolulu would essentially become uninhabitable.



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2. The USTs are alternatively described as corroding, once ¼-inch thick sheet metal encased on several feet of wet, porous concrete, or as concrete “lined with” these thin metal sheets, that allow thousands of gallons of jet fuel to ooze through these failing barriers annually;
3. This facility is much too vast in size, scope, and complexity to be competently managed by Navy personnel who rotate on short-term assignments through the Joint Base at Pearl Harbor-Hickam for them to understand it adequately; it is therefore, not surprising that the Navy repeatedly blames “leaks” or “spills” on “human error”;
4. There are 20 tanks in this facility: two have been taken off-line, evidently permanently; some of these tanks have not been inspected in more than 20, 30, or even 40 years! This points to the Navy’s complete inability to manage the facility in a safe and competent manner;
5. Even under the current environmental review process in which the Navy participates pursuant to an “Administrative Order on Consent,” an Emergency Order dated December 6, 2021, recently reaffirmed by the Hawai‘i State Department of Health, merely requires the Navy to “defuel,” *i.e.*, drain the tanks only ONCE, to conduct inspections and repairs, then the Emergency Order allows the Navy to refill them upon the completion of corrective action;
6. Refilling the tanks is entirely unacceptable; they must be left permanently empty of jet fuel or any other hydrocarbons; they must be used for entirely environmentally benign uses, such as possibly storage of clean water, or they must be filled with neutral fill material;
7. The Navy is currently and actively polluting the Hālāwa Stream and nearshore waters with polluted runoff as it attempts to clean up the pollution caused by the “leaks” of last year; this must urgently be stopped immediately;



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The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

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8. Congress must authorize and appropriate sufficient funds on an urgent basis to remove the fuels from the USTs at Red Hill and decommission the facility permanently. Congress has upgraded every other comparable facility in other places throughout the United States. Hawai'i desperately needs similar consideration.

With respect to Bill 48, C.D. 1, we appreciate the proposed amendments which strengthen the bill. However, we have one particular concern: Paragraph 3 of the summary of the changes that proposed C.D. 1 would make to the original bill states:

3. [Proposed C.D. 1] provides that the standard to granting or renewal of a UST permit will be whether the UST or UST system will be protective of human health and the environment, rather than a determination that the UST or UST system will not leak any regulated substance into the environment during its operating life.

The Environmental Caucus would prefer a “both-and” approach, rather than an “either-or” approach. We suggest that the granting of an initial or renewal permit for the operation of an UST must satisfy BOTH requirements: (1) that the UST or UST system will be protective of human health and the environment, and (2) that the UST or UST system will not leak any regulated substance into the environment during its operating life.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this matter that is so critical to the people of O'ahu, and indeed all of Hawai'i.

Respectfully,

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Attachment: Resolution of State Central Committee  
Democratic Party of Hawaii, Jan. 8, 2022

## **SCC RESOLUTION URGING THE IMMEDIATE DRAINING OF THE U.S. NAVY RED HILL FUEL STORAGE TANKS AND CLOSURE OF THE FACILITY**

Whereas, The Navy's Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility is a massive, dangerous facility, nearly 80 years old, that sits just 100 feet above the sole source Southern O'ahu Basal groundwater Aquifer that provides 77% of O'ahu's drinking water to over 400,000 residents from Moanalua to Hawai'i Kai; and

Whereas, The tanks are now corroding underground and the Navy is unable to properly remediate the corrosion of the thin quarter-inch steel liners where they are encased by porous concrete, leaving the tanks to inevitably corrode and crumble; and

Whereas, Since 1943, the facility has recorded at least 73 fuel leaks from these tanks and connecting pipelines and infrastructure totaling about 200,000 gallons and yet Red Hill has escaped major scrutiny until 2014, when an estimated 27,000 gallons of fuel leaked, since then groundwater and soil monitoring systems registered spikes in diesel and petroleum and

Whereas, Recent leaks in 2021 have caused jet fuel to enter the drinking water of nearby military housing residents causing illness to them and their pets; and

Whereas, The Department of Health (DOH) confirmed that the Navy's water system, which draws from the sole source aquifer near the Red Hill tank facility, contains levels of jet fuel and diesel range total petroleum hydrocarbons 350 times higher than state standards for safe drinking water; and

Whereas, The situation has deteriorated so much that a hearings officer has recently allowed the Sierra Club and the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) to intervene as parties in protracted administrative proceedings between the Hawaii Department of Health and the Navy, because the Sierra Club and BWS assert that the DOH is inadequately protecting the public interest; and

Whereas, The presence of fuel-laced water in or near the Navy's wells also means that the drinking water of the entire southern O'ahu region — 400,000 people from Moanalua to Hawai'i Kai — is also at risk, because the Navy and the Honolulu Board of Water Supply pump their water from the same aquifer and there is no natural barrier preventing the Navy's contamination from migrating across the Hālawā Valley to the civilian water sources; and

Whereas, The Navy has long ago already shuttered its other fuel storage facilities across the country built in the same era as the Red Hill underground fuel facilities; and

Whereas, The U.S. Military has had a long history of poor stewardship of Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources throughout the State, including littering lands with unexploded ordnance and toxic waste, loss of cultural and historic sites and endangered native species; and



Whereas, On December 6, 2021, Governor Ige, through the DOH, ordered the Navy to suspend all operations at Red Hill, build a water treatment facility, and provide a plan within 30 days for emptying the tanks pursuant to the DOH Emergency Order (Docket No. 21-UST-EA-02) however, the Navy has challenged the order, a position that could lead to a prolonged legal battle; and

Whereas, The administrative hearings officer ruled on December 27, 2021 that the Navy's conduct creates an "imminent peril to human health and safety or the environment" and upheld the DOH order; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urges the DOH to uphold the hearings officer's ruling, that the Navy comply forthwith with the ruling without further dispute, and that the Navy undertake a complete and immediate emergency shutdown, including but not limited to the immediate, complete, and permanent draining of all of the fuel storage tanks at Red Hill and the use of temporary fuel storage facilities at a significant distance away from the aquifer, including use of oil tankers if need be; and be it further

Resolved, That the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urges full third-party assessment of the Red Hill facility for the permanent removal of the U.S. Navy Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility underground storage tanks from their current location and their relocation or the establishment of other fuel-storage facilities at an area where they would pose no threat to O'ahu's drinking water; and be it further

Resolved, That the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i requests the Hawai'i delegation to the United States Congress to urge in the strongest possible terms and to employ their best efforts and their close relationships with the Biden Administration and with Congressional leadership to ensure that the Navy attach the highest priority to removing the underground fuel storage tanks from the Red Hill area and place them in a more environmentally benign location and to ensure that adequate funding is appropriated to make such relocation take place at the earliest practicable date; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy, the Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, the Administrator and Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the members of Hawai'i's Congressional delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Director of the Hawai'i State Department of Health, all members of the Hawai'i State Legislature, the Mayor and all members of the City Council of Honolulu, the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, and the Sierra Club Hawai'i Chapter.



Young Progressives Demanding Action  
P.O. Box 11105  
Honolulu, HI 96828

January 11, 2022  
9:00 AM

**TO: Members of the Honolulu City Council**  
**RE: Testimony in Strong Support of Bill 48 CD1 (2021)**

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Elefante, Members of the Honolulu City Council Committee on Transportation, Sustainability & Health,

My name is Jun Shin. I am a Senior at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, water drinker, and a member of the Environmental Justice Action Committee for the Young Progressives Demanding Action (YPDA). YPDA advocates for public policies that reflect the values of young people throughout the State of Hawai'i. YPDA is in **STRONG SUPPORT** of **Bill 48 CD1 (2021)**, Relating to Underground Storage Tanks.

It's deeply frustrating that after years of struggle, a struggle that YPDA is deeply honored to have been a part of, those in power, including the United States Navy has allowed its underground fuel tank facilities in Red Hill to contaminate and shut down the Aiea-Hālawā wells, with the Hālawā shaft being in danger of being shut down permanently. We now live with the reality of water rationing in the future. The BWS Hālawā shaft will be shut down until fuel is removed from the tanks and may not reopen for years to come. This shaft was a source of water for South O'ahu from Hālawā to Maunaloa. The BWS has advised that mandatory water conservation measures will now need to be in place in the summer of 2022. This did not have to be this way, but if there is a silver lining in this crisis, it is that more and more of Hawai'i's people are rising up to ask questions, coming out to demonstrations, testifying, and becoming ever more empowered. It is we the people who will protect our water for present and future generations, we will be the ones to shut down Red Hill.

Bill 48 is critical regulation that will require any operator of underground storage tanks with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more (Red Hill is way way more) to go through the process of obtaining a permit from the City & County of Honolulu, a point in time in which critical questions can be asked and answered, information submitted for the permit can be reviewed,

etc. Moving forward, we cannot trust the Navy to protect our water. After all, a whistleblower also told the Department of Health in September that Navy officials provided false testimony and withheld information about the full extent of the Facility's infrastructure, including connected pipelines, as well as "historical records of corrosion issues, including holes in tanks" at its Red Hill fuel facility during legal proceedings. This bill also makes clear that no permit be granted unless the applicant proves that the tank or tank system will not leak regulated substances into the environment. To be very clear, Red Hill already has a long history of leaking fuel into the surrounding environment and has already contaminated O'ahu's primary drinking water aquifer. It needs to be shut down safely NOW for the health of our people and our water, and it should never be allowed to hurt another community again. **We urge this committee to recommend that the Mayor place the Board of Water Supply as the department with the authority to implement and enforce the permit.** The Board of Water Supply has been one of the only government agencies consistently speaking out for all these years for our water and for the water drinkers of O'ahu, they with the support and watchful eyes of the community should play an important role in the decision making process moving forward.

Passing this bill into law is important. Not because it will solve this crisis the day after the Mayor signs it into law, but it will give us another important tool in our toolbox. Allowing us to work together with our government, using the law as leverage to demand that the Navy shut down Red Hill. Thank you for taking up this important issue. Young Progressives Demanding Action is in **STRONG SUPPORT** of **Bill 48 CD1 (2021)** and we are calling on its passage. Please pass this bill and stand with us in the streets.

E Ola I Ka Wai, Water is Life.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

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## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Councilmembers,

As a resident of O‘ahu and a water drinker, I strongly support Bill 48, requiring any operator of underground storage tanks with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more, to obtain a permit from the City. It further stipulates that no permit will be granted unless the applicant proves that the tank or tank system will not leak regulated substances into the environment. We simply cannot permit underground storage tanks of that capacity or larger that pose such immense threat of leaking and contaminating our environment and water supply.

Water is life. I am fearful when I turn on my tap. This should never happen. Our aquifer is precious and irreplaceable. The US Navy lies and will continue to lie. We must hold them accountable.

### Written Testimony

The Red Hill facility – the fragile, antiquated fuel tanks and supporting systems – has a long history of leaking fuel into the surrounding environment and has already contaminated O‘ahu’s primary drinking water aquifer. Shutting down Red Hill immediately and entirely is the only way to guarantee the safety of our water and our people.

Further, I strongly urge you to put the Board of Water Supply in charge of this issue. The department of health is already over taxed with health crises and does not have the expertise or capacity to meet this challenge. Ernie Lau and the Board of Water Supply have demonstrated integrity advocating for this precious resource.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for taking up this important measure at the council.

Sincerely,

Tom Iwanicki

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## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Council members,

As a resident of O‘ahu and a water drinker, I strongly support Bill 48, requiring any operator of underground storage tanks with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more, to obtain a permit from the City. It further stipulates that no permit will be granted unless the applicant proves that the tank or tank system will not leak regulated substances into the environment. We simply cannot permit underground storage tanks of that capacity or larger that pose such immense threat of leaking and contaminating our environment and water supply.

Written  
Testimony

I and the majority of my family drink water from the aquifer that the Navy's Red Hill tanks have irreparably damaged. Multiple BWS wells have been shutdown (mostly likely permanently according to BWS Manager and Chief Engineer Ernie Lau), including the Hālawā shaft which was prepared to be one of our main sources of water in the case of a major electrical outage caused by a disaster, such as a hurricane. All of this was preventable. The Navy has no right to control and threaten our precious water and our lives. The tanks must be drained and shutdown forever.

The Red Hill facility – the fragile, antiquated fuel tanks and supporting systems – has a long history of leaking fuel into the surrounding environment and has already contaminated O‘ahu’s primary drinking water aquifer. Shutting down Red Hill immediately and entirely is the only way to guarantee the safety of our water and our people.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for taking up this important measure at the council.

Sincerely,  
Lorraine Waianuhea

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## Written Testimony

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Your position on  
the matter Support  
Representing  
Organization Self  
Aloha Chair and Councilmembers

### Written Testimony

I am a resident of Oahu and a water drinker, and am in strong support of Bill 48 CD1. In addition to the CD1 amendment, I strongly urge the Council consider amending this bill to include language to make clear that without a permit, the Navy must remove the fuel in the tanks and pipelines immediately.

After massive pressure from public outcry, the Navy has finally relented and has agreed to comply with the state's emergency order to drain the tanks, but has not provided a timeline to do so. Yet with every minute that goes by, the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility continues to pose a serious threat to our aquifer. The Navy has recklessly put our health and safety at risk and has from the beginning of this catastrophe shamelessly conducted delay tactics to thwart efforts towards truly addressing this water contamination crisis. We cannot allow them to turn Oahu into another one of their sacrifice zones. We must ensure the tanks are drained before it is too late. The tanks must be drained now.

Finally, I strongly recommend that as we set a path forward in protecting our precious water that the Council completely follow the guidance of Ernest Lau of the Board of Water Supply to whom we know we can trust.

Mahalo nui for your efforts and for this opportunity to provide testimony on Bill 48 CD1.

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Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha Chair Codero, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Councilmembers,

As a third generation resident of O‘ahu and a water drinker, I strongly support Bill 48, requiring any operator of underground storage tanks with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more, to obtain a permit from the City. It further stipulates that no permit will be granted unless the applicant proves that the tank or tank system will not leak regulated substances into the environment. We simply cannot permit underground storage tanks of that capacity or larger that pose such immense threat of leaking and contaminating our environment and water supply. As dire as the current situation is now, it can and will only get worse without legislation in place, like Bill 48, to prevent such an atrocity from happening again.

Written  
Testimony

Our indigenous ancestors’ worldview was one of unity, peace, and a respect for all living things. The value of leaving a place better than you found it is a far cry from the human-centric view presented by the military today. The potential for experiencing the world from a perspective of our indigenous ancestors’ and the knowledge they carried in their bones is limitless, regenerative, and fulfilling. I am grateful to have grown up in a place that carries in its traditions a respect for wai and ‘aina. I am grateful to have raised two children on this ‘āina, nourished with this wai. I want my children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren to have the opportunity to experience the limitless prosperity that is possible. We cannot allow the government and military to put profit over people.

The Red Hill facility — fragile, antiquated fuel tanks and supporting systems —has a long history of leaking fuel into the surrounding environment and has already contaminate O‘ahu’s primary drinking water aquifer. Shutting down Red Hill immediately and entirely is the only way to guarantee the safety of our water and our people.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for taking up this important measure at the



council.

Sincerely,

Jenny Engle

Testimony

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2022 10:09 PM  
**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Agenda Item	Bill 48, CD1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	I previously submitted testimony in favor of this bill. Mahalo for the additional language to Bill 48, CD1, which strengthens the bill.
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name Sophia Daniel  
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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

Aloha, I am Sophia Daniel and am currently a sophomore at Kapi'olani Community College. Please support and pass Bill 48 because the health, safety, and well-being of our communities needs to be protected and prioritized. Underground storage tanks need to be monitored, clean, and remain health and intact for the health and survival of human beings. Water is a precious natural resource and we and other living species cannot survive without clean drinkable water.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written  
Testimony

I continue to support Bill 48. Many of my comments from my first written testimony still apply—Red Hill must be permanently shut down. Some additions that build off that prior testimony: I would ask that City Council support making the Board of Water Supply the primary entity that deals with allowing or denying permits of these kinds. I also worry that some of the new language in the CD1 doesn't necessarily help and could be counterproductive (i.e. changing the standard for a permit from showing the facility will not leak in its lifetime, to showing that a permit will be "protective of human health"). I ask City Council to consider revising this language in order to make Bill 48 as strong as possible.

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item 1. Bill 48 CD-1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Organization  
Organization Windward Coalition  
Relating to Bill 48 CD-1  
The Windward Coalition

The Windward Coalition strongly supports Bill 48 and CD-1 relating to underground fuel storage tank regulations the permanent removal and relocation of the underground storage tanks at Red Hill.

The Windward Coalition (WC) is a voluntary community action group with the mission of improving the quality of life of Windward residents by addressing environmental issues affecting our neighborhoods. We are not affiliated with or part of any political party, government entity or other organization.

### Written Testimony

While the windward aquifer is not immediately directly impacted by the Red Hill fuel leakage, all the aquifers are linked underground (refer to BWS Ernest Lau's description of the aquifers as underground sponges). Pollution can seep from one aquifer into another, threatening the quality of the water supply elsewhere. Furthermore, if the aquifer below Honolulu is not drinkable, the BWS will be forced to draw water from other aquifers and ration water, as the supply of water will not be sufficient to support the island's population.

This is a major crisis which requires immediate action to salvage Oahu's aquifer and drinking water for the present and the future. The leakage has been a very serious problem for many years and the patchwork repairs have not fixed the problem. In fact, the water is now sickening military and island residents. Petroleum ingestion is a very serious health hazard: our residents are being poisoned.

What other disasters are needed for the Navy to defuel, shut down, and relocate the tanks?

Without safe drinking water, our island's ability to support our population, the military bases and national security interests is in very serious jeopardy. Yes, relocating the fuel tanks will be very expensive. Other states in similar situations have shut down leaking fuel tanks, ensuring local environmental security without risking National Security. The Navy must be Pono and take responsible, immediate action to stop further damage to the aquifers and to our people.

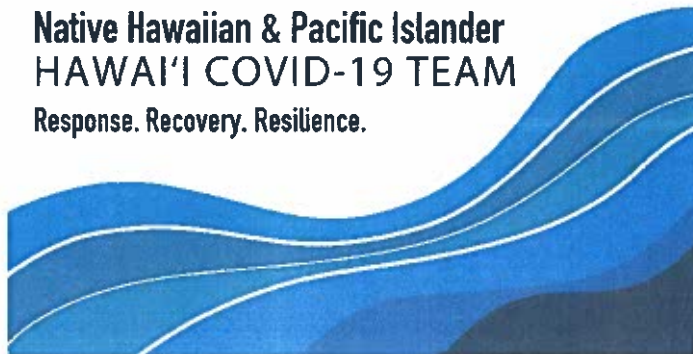
The Navy is heading down a path that will soon be irreversible if the tanks aren't permanently shut down and relocated. Healthy drinking water is fundamental to the very essence of our life on this island. Our island cannot support or coexist with National Security interests if the island's main source of fresh drinking water is polluted with fuel. Water is life: shut down and relocate the fuel tanks now.

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**Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander  
HAWAI'I COVID-19 TEAM**  
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**SUPPORT TESTIMONY  
BILL 48: RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS  
HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M.**

**We, the NHPI 3R Team, write to support Bill 48 and urge the Honolulu City Council to pass this measure as a critical protection against any further loss of life or harm from the damage caused by the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.** The history of spills, leaks, violations of environmental safety regulation, contesting of violations by the Navy, withholding of critical information by the Navy, and most recently, active endangerment of military personnel and families, shutdown of the Red Hill water shaft without appropriate and timely notification to the Board of Water Supply, shutdown of the Hālawā water shaft, and the dismissal of the Emergency Order to immediately defuel the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility each stand as actions that did not center safety and health. Further details about the missteps and failures reflected this history are available widely for public review. We contend that the evidence appears to converge on two conclusions: first, that the only solution at this time is immediate defueling of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility; second, that the context of placing the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility above a single source aquifer was never safe – not in 1940 and certainly not in 2021.

We are the Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Hawai'i COVID-19 Response Recovery Resilience (NHPI 3R) Team, a collective of over 60 Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander organizations established in 2020 with more than 100 active volunteers who are health experts. Our statewide network, in alignment with the national NHPI Response Team (now the National Association of Pasifika Organizations), initially convened to work in various components of addressing COVID-19 for Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders through a variety of vehicles. As the immediate issues in COVID-19 have brought more attention to the disparities facing our communities, our work has expanded to prioritize health equity work by addressing systemic issues and root causes for the health of NHPI families who makeup more than 27% of the Hawai'i population according to the U.S. Census 2020.

As public health and population health experts, community advocates, and trusted leaders, we emphasize the need for actions such as Bill 48 and Resolution 21-276, which contribute towards protecting the communities that are too often overlooked or left behind in public policy but bear the most burden from public health and safety failures. We fully support and applaud the Honolulu City Council for calling a special meeting to address the time-sensitive environmental disaster that is Red Hill, which reflects the immediacy emphasized by grassroots and community-based organizations. Everyone needs clean water in order to live. Our precious island home provides natural resources that need intentional, thoughtful stewardship and fierce protection. The NHP 3R Team underscores that water is an essential determinant to human life and collective health.

**We support the pressing need to defuel Red Hill immediately as the sole solution and the passage of Bill 48 as a step towards that solution.**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48 CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Written Testimony  
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-11-2022  
Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Re: City and County of Honolulu Council Measure BILL 48 CD1

As a citizen of Honolulu, I write in support of this measure, and staunchly oppose the presence and ongoing operations of the fuel storage tanks at Red Hill.

“The Life of OUR Land” is wholly dependent upon wai, water, pure water, safe water, unsullied unpolluted drinkable water.

It is no accident of linguistics that the Hawaiian word for ‘wealth’ is the reduplication of the word for ‘fresh water.’ Wai, fresh water. Waiwai, wealth. They are inextricably entwined.

The US Navy’s fuel tanks – their rusting, ancient, leaking fuel tanks – are slowly disintegrating a mere hundred feet directly above O`ahu’s most precious, most important waiwai. Those tanks are no longer viable. They are deadly dangerous.

The Navy should have been actively planning for their replacement 25 years ago. It is the height of irresponsibility that they have not done so. Those tanks are far beyond the point of being spot-patched when they leak.

They are a direct, Flint-Michigan-type threat to the very life of our land.

They must go. Now.

Again, I support Honolulu Council Measure BILL 48 CD1.

More simply put, I say SHUT DOWN RED HILL.

Written  
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Mahalo for considering my perspective.

Suzanne Marinelli  
Concerned Citizen

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Agenda Item	Bil 48
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I have submitted testimony before. We all know the issues. The tanks must be decomissioned. Mahalo City Council for this proactive move. Angela.
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name Michele Nihipali  
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Meeting Date 01-11-2021  
Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48, CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Dear Transportation Council,

Written  
Testimony

Pease pass and support Bill 48, CD1. The storage tanks at Red Hill pose a supreme danger to the drinking water for most of Oahu. They must be drained and moved to ensure that all people on Oahu have clean drinking water in the future.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michele Nihipali  
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Hauula, HI 96717

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January 10, 2022

**RE: Support for Bill 48 and Resolution 21-276.**

Dear Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health,

The California Indian Environmental Alliance (CIEA) would like to offer our full support for Bill 48 and Resolution 21-276. CIEA not only offers our support but we believe this is necessary given the history that our Kānaka Maoli relatives have suffered at the hands of colonization and its effects that perpetuate a cycle of violence and dispossession that permeates to this day. The U.S. Navy's Red Hill Facility continually neglects to ensure the safety of the people and the environment. We fully support the bill and resolution's purpose and intentions in protecting our Kānaka relatives and grandmother earth.

The U.S. Navy's Red Hill Facility' malfeasance is in violation of Indigenous rights to self-determination and sovereignty, cultural subsistence, and health as stated by the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the United States Public Law 103-150 (1993 U.S. Apology Resolution), Resolution No. 29 of the 1978 Constitutional Convention, which saw the inclusion of section 7 also known as the Hawaii Traditional and Customary Rights in Hawaii's state Constitution. What is the purpose of this act and policies, if you're going to continue to perpetrate the mistreatment and dispossession of Indigenous Peoples. Please uphold Bill 48 and Resolution 21-276 and protect not only the cultural subsistence of our Kānaka Maoli relatives but also the preservation of their homelands and territories.

Indigenous/Native people have long fought for justice on the attempted genocide of their lives, they have resisted and existed despite these efforts, CIEA hopes that this bill and resolution will be a catalyst towards re-indigenizing land management practices. Through the passing of the bill and resolution, you are recognizing Indigenous Sovereignty and Self-Determination and health and are making strides in protecting the environment. We look forward to seeing changes like this continue throughout the Nation for all Indigenous people.

Sincerely,

Sherri Norris  
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	01-11-2021
Council/PH Committee	Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Agenda Item	Bill 48
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I am writing to support the new amendments to Bill 48 proposed by Councilmember Cordero requiring permit-holders to be held accountable for impacts on human health and the environment. This language creates more accountability beyond the original draft. Mahalo,
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

I am a resident of Oahu, and I also write on behalf of my daughter, who was born on this island, and my husband, recently retired from the Navy. We have always valued how clean and fresh our water is, straight from the tap, abundant. And as a family with both deep ties to this island and to the military, it feels disturbing that this bill is even necessary, as it seems obvious that protecting our water supply — which is essential to life, and mostly stored in underground aquifers — should be a top priority of not only our city and state, but also a priority of our nation.

As it stands, this bill is deeply necessary and urgent, as we have recently witnessed just a fraction of the disaster that can occur without better regulation and permitting being required for underground fuel storage of over 100,000 gallons. The Navy has shown that it is not capable of regulating itself, as it prioritizes its mission to protect the freedom of the seas over the protection of the health and safety of the residents of the island, which includes its own sailors and families.

This is not a matter to be taken lightly. The Navy's fuel tanks rest only 100 feet over a major aquifer, and they have shown that they have been completely unable to adequately maintain their aging systems. A larger spill would be catastrophic and devastating to our island, and more leaks and "user error" are increasingly likely with every passing year.

Red Hill must be shut down immediately and permanently, and nothing like it should ever be allowed to be built again. This bill is a way to make sure that happens.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,  
Kate Righter



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**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name Sunshine E Eckstrom  
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Meeting Date 01-11-2022  
Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

I am a resident of Oahu and I strongly support Bill 48. We need to protect the water supply on our island. It's past time that The US Navy take full responsibility for the 180,000 gallons of fuel that have already leaked from the ageing, rusty tanks at Red Hill. The Red Hill facility must be shut down now. These tanks contain millions of gallons of fuel and continue to degrade, placing Oahu's drinking water aquifer, which is only 100 feet away, in grave and imminent danger. People, animals, and the environment have already been harmed by this contamination of our water supply. There is no time to wait, Red Hill must be shut down, the fuel cleaned up by the US Navy without further harm to our island, and policies put in place to ensure that this situation does not repeat itself in the future.

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## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 02-11-2022  
Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item single item  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony Strong support of removal of all fuel and support system for the Red Hill complex. Also in strong support of regulations to ensure that our fresh water supply is not threatened by any form of contamination.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48 "Relating to Underground Storage Tanks, Proposed CD1-RC1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Written Testimony I support the passage of Bill 48 (2021), CD1 to incorporate the amendments as stated in this proposed bill. With the contamination of the water by the deterioration and aging of the UST and recent leakage into our water system, this proposed bill is needed now! Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony.  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48 CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Written Testimony Please do all possible to pass this bill.  
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January 10, 2022

**RE: Support for Bill 48 and Resolution 21-276.**

Dear Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health,

Urban Reziliency (UR) would like to offer our full support for Bill 48 and Resolution 21-276. UR not only offers our support but we believe this is necessary given the history that our Kānaka Maoli relatives have suffered at the hands of colonization and its effects that perpetuate a cycle of violence and dispossession that permeates to this day. The U.S. Navy's Red Hill Facility continually neglects to ensure the safety of the people and the environment. We fully support the bill and resolution's purpose and intentions in protecting our Kānaka relatives and grandmother earth.

The U.S. Navy's Red Hill Facility' malfeasance is in violation of Indigenous rights to self-determination and sovereignty, cultural subsistence, and health as stated by the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the United States Public Law 103-150 (1993 U.S. Apology Resolution), Resolution No. 29 of the 1978 Constitutional Convention, which saw the inclusion of section 7 also known as the Hawaii Traditional and Customary Rights in Hawaii's state Constitution. What is the purpose of this act and policies, if you're going to continue to perpetrate the mistreatment and dispossession of Indigenous Peoples. Please uphold Bill 48 and Resolution 21-276 and protect not only the cultural practices of our Kānaka Maoli relatives but also the preservation of their homelands and territories.

Indigenous/Native people have long fought for justice on the attempted genocide of their lives, they have resisted and existed despite these efforts, UR hopes that this bill and resolution will be a catalyst towards re-indigenizing land management practices on the homelands of our Kānaka Maoli relatives. Through the passing of the bill and resolution, you are recognizing the people of the land and recognizing Indigenous Sovereignty and Self-Determination and health and are making strides in protecting the environment. We look forward to seeing changes like this continue throughout the Nation for all Indigenous people.

In Solidarity,

*Jo-Joe Lee*

*Joel Sedano*

Jo-Joe Lee &  
Joel Sedano  
Co-Executive Directors  
Urban Reziliency

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:52 AM  
**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

Clean natural healthy water is absolutely essential to life. It is a basic human right. The storage of poisonous fuel and contamination from negligence on the part of the US Navy is a gross violation against public health. Red Hill must be shut down and properly cleaned and storage of jet fuel and other substances must be strictly ratified to make sure this doesn't happen again.

My family and friends are directly effected. We all have to drink the water. This type of pollution will not be acceptable. Not now not ever.

Mahalo  
Tiffany

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

My name is Jaymee Kubo, and I am a resident of Ewa on Oahu.

I am writing to express my strong support of Bill 48. I ask that you as our elected officials do everything in your power to protect the residents and people of Oahu by ensuring that we have clean drinking water.

Written Testimony Furthermore, I implore you to stand firm and to call for the removal of all fuel from the Navy's Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

Thank you for your time,

Jaymee Kubo  
Ewa, Oahu

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-11-2022  
Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Councilmembers,

As a resident of O'ahu and a water drinker, I strongly support Bill 48, requiring any operator of underground storage tanks with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more, to obtain a permit from the City. It further stipulates that no permit will be granted unless the applicant proves that the tank or tank system will not leak regulated substances into the environment. We simply cannot permit underground storage tanks of that capacity or larger that pose such immense threat of leaking and contaminating our environment and water supply.

These tanks have leaked 180,000 gallons of fuel since they were constructed and the Navy's own risk assessment from 2018 concluded that the probability of an acute leak of between 1,000 and 30,000 gallons (independent of any earthquake risk) over the next ten years is 96%. The Navy cannot prove that the tank or tank system will not leak regulated substances into the environment.

Approximately 93,000 people living in military housing have been unable to use their water for several weeks. Water will not be restored, and those who were displaced will not be able to return home, for at least six to eight weeks, if not longer. If the Navy water system is further compromised, our housing crisis will mushroom.

DOH said that a water sample taken from the Red Hill drinking water shaft on December 5 confirmed the water is contaminated with "high levels" of petroleum and gasoline. The sample detected total petroleum hydrocarbons diesel range organics levels 350 times above the DOH Environmental Action Level (EAL) for drinking water, and gasoline range organics more than 66 times the DOH EAL.

The Red Hill facility – the fragile, antiquated fuel tanks and supporting systems – has a long history of leaking fuel into the surrounding environment and has already contaminated O'ahu's primary drinking water aquifer. Shutting down Red Hill immediately and entirely is



the only way to guarantee the safety of our water and our people.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for taking up this important measure at the council.

Aloha i ke AKUA,

Moanike'ala Nanod-Sitch

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## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Councilmembers,

As a resident of Hawai'i Island, I strongly support Bill 48, requiring any operator of underground storage tanks with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more, to obtain a permit from the City. It further stipulates that no permit will be granted unless the applicant proves that the tank or tank system will not leak regulated substances into the environment. We simply cannot permit underground storage tanks of that capacity or larger that pose such immense threat of leaking and contaminating our environment and water supply.

Written  
Testimony

I have so many close friends and family that live on O'ahu Island. I visit there often, and it is a great concern to me that this issue will affect the ones that I love.

The Red Hill facility – the fragile, antiquated fuel tanks and supporting systems – has a long history of leaking fuel into the surrounding environment and has already contaminated O'ahu's primary drinking water aquifer. Shutting down Red Hill immediately and entirely is the only way to guarantee the safety of our water and our people.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for taking up this important measure at the council.

Sincerely,  
Makaiwa Kanui

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**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Councilmembers,

As a resident of Hawai'i and a water drinker, I strongly support Bill 48, requiring any operator of underground storage tanks with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more, to obtain a permit from the City. It further stipulates that no permit will be granted unless the applicant proves that the tank or tank system will not leak regulated substances into the environment. We simply cannot permit underground storage tanks of that capacity or larger that pose such immense threat of leaking and contaminating our environment and water supply.

Written  
Testimony

The Red Hill facility – the fragile, antiquated fuel tanks and supporting systems – has a long history of leaking fuel into the surrounding environment and has already contaminated O'ahu's primary drinking water aquifer. Shutting down Red Hill immediately and entirely is the only way to guarantee the safety of our water and our people.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for taking up this important measure at the council.

Sincerely,  
Naomi Holokai

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony Water is so vital to the health and well-being of our families and communities. As a resident here on O'ahu, I strongly support Bill 48 which would require permits from operators of underground storage tanks. We simply cannot permit underground storage tanks of that capacity or larger that pose such immense threat of leaking and contaminating our water systems.

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## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

Dear Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Elefante,  
I am currently 17 years old and a senior at James B. Castle High School. I would personally like to be able to have clean water for myself and my future children. I am here to state my support for Bill 48 Requiring a Permit for facilities like the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. No one knew the tanks at RedHill were there when they were first made in 1943. Only recently are more people finding out about it because of the cut off of all our fresh water. These things could have been avoided, people and animals dying or being hospitalized, parents with young children fearing for their child's lives because they did not know what was in their water. I would very much like to be a parent one day and I don't want to have to worry about the water in my own house not being safe! I am asking the Honolulu City Council Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health to shut down RedHill and make creating things like it more difficult to do. I would also want to have monthly check ups for these tanks to make sure nothing leaks into our water or anything like that. I want the navy to do better. Their history here in Hawaii is long and not in a very good way.

Sincerely,  
Chyrie Apuakehau

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Agenda Item: Bill 48  
Position: Support

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Councilmembers,

As a resident of O‘ahu and a water drinker, I strongly support Bill 48, requiring any operator of underground storage tanks with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more, to obtain a permit from the City. It further stipulates that no permit will be granted unless the applicant proves that the tank or tank system will not leak regulated substances into the environment. We simply cannot permit underground storage tanks of that capacity or larger that pose such immense threat of leaking and contaminating our environment and water supply.

Written Testimony As an educator, I have worked with students on how clean water access is a measure of equity in society. We need to treat this issue as a public safety and equity issue. Endangering our water supply will be worse for those in lower socio-economic status - they are the least served in all of these crises.

The Red Hill facility – the fragile, antiquated fuel tanks and supporting systems – has a long history of leaking fuel into the surrounding environment and has already contaminated O‘ahu’s primary drinking water aquifer. Shutting down Red Hill immediately and entirely is the only way to guarantee the safety of our water and our people.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for taking up this important measure at the council.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Mark Hines



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Date: January 11, 2022

To: Councilmember Radiant Cordero, Chair  
Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair  
Members of the Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Committee

Re: Support for Bill 48, Proposed CD1, Relating to Underground  
Storage Tanks

Hrg: January 11 at 9:00 AM, City Council Chamber, via  
Videoconference

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Elefante, and Councilmembers,

On behalf of Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI), I write in strong support of Bill 48, proposed CD1, which would protect public health and O'ahu's clean drinking water supply by requiring any operator of underground storage tanks with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more to obtain a permit from the City and stating that no permit will be granted unless the applicant proves that the tank or tank system will not leak regulated substances into the environment.

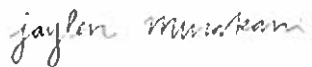
HIPHI is alarmed by the recent confirmation of petroleum in our water supply. Fresh, clean drinking water is a precious resource, with access to clean drinking water being a basic human right that is "essential for the enjoyment of life and all human rights."

While the petroleum has only been found in the Navy's water system, it gets water from the same aquifer that provides water to primary drinking water resources for metropolitan O'ahu. For years, advocates and organizations like the Sierra Club have warned about the need to protect our drinking water, as the Red Hill Fuel Tank facility sits only 100 feet above the aquifer that supplies water to over 400,000 people, from Hālawā to Hawai'i Kai. The Red Hill facility has a long history of leaking fuel into the surrounding environment and has already contaminated O'ahu's primary drinking water aquifer. Closing down the Red Hill facility immediately and entirely is the only way to guarantee the safety of our water and our people.

The severity of this water crisis has led the Hawai'i State Department of Health to issue an emergency order instructing the Navy to drain its Red Hill fuel tanks and correct deficiencies at the fuel facility before seeking state permission to resume operation. Further, the Honolulu Board of Water Supply shut down three of its drinking water wells last month over concerns that jet fuel spilled by the Navy might contaminate its drinking water system. Those wells may never reopen again and could result in water shortages for O'ahu residents.

This public health crisis was preventable, and we urge the Navy and the State to take swift action to protect our water supply. Clean water is essential for life, and access to clean, safe drinking water being a basic human right.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jaylen Murakami".

Jaylen Murakami  
Advocacy & Outreach Coordinator



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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 8:31 AM  
**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH  
Committee                Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item              Bill 48  
Your position on  
the matter                Support  
Representing              Self  
Organization

Written  
Testimony

I support this measure. However, I feel that it could be stronger. The United States military has made it clear that they simply do not care what affects their actions have on the people of Hawaii, nor what rules the County puts in place. We need to demilitarize Hawaii. We need to return to an Indigenous and citizen-led governance structure that will genuinely take care of all. We need to heed the wake-up call that this situation is, for what it is. We need to return to pono.

Mahalo Nui Loa,  
Laulani Teale

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Councilmembers,

As a resident of O‘ahu and a water drinker, I strongly support Bill 48, requiring any operator of underground storage tanks with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more, to obtain a permit from the City. It further stipulates that no permit will be granted unless the applicant proves that the tank or tank system will not leak regulated substances into the environment. We simply cannot permit underground storage tanks of that capacity or larger that pose such an immense threat of leaking and contaminating our environment and water supply.

Written  
Testimony

Everyone deserves access to clean water, and we need to take care of our water. Water is life, it's a simple as that. I do not need to give any of you a personal story about the importance of clean drinking water because all of you already know. Every one of us is an environmentalist because we need clean water to survive. Let's protect the land and the people for this generation and seven more to come.

The Red Hill facility – the fragile, antiquated fuel tanks and supporting systems – has a long history of leaking fuel into the surrounding environment and has already contaminated O‘ahu’s primary drinking water aquifer. Shutting down Red Hill immediately and entirely is the only way to guarantee the safety of our water and our people.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for taking up this important measure at the council.

Sincerely,  
Zoë Malia Ozoa Loos

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48 CD 1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Organization  
Organization Moanaview Estates AOUO (HOA)

Written  
Testimony

Aloha City Council: As a small-knit homeowner association (AOUO) that includes young and elder families, active duty and prior service members, we discuss as neighbors our deep concerns over the public health and safety of our `ohana by the Naval Red Hill Underground Storage Tanks at Kapūkaki that sits within a mile of our homes in Moanalua.

We strongly support Bill 45 CD 1 and all efforts in general to remove the omnipresent menace of the Naval Red Hill UST that threatens our sole source of pure water and ability to live here. Even the most stringent measure does not protect us from natural disasters, foreign sabotage or inevitable human error that has occurred multiple times putting our `ohana and homes in a constant state of imminent peril.

As the vice-president of our small AOUO, it has been concerning that for the past several weeks we have seen the Navy prioritize protecting its own political interests and myopic mission over protecting human health and essential resources. This is more than about preventing inevitable near-future leaks, but long-term sustainable viability to pass down to our keiki's keiki. We cannot entrust the Department of Defense to make decisions over our island affairs, nor can we subvert the constitutional mandate of civilian oversight of military affairs.

Māhalo nui loa for your vigilance to protect our aquifer for our `ohana, our home values and local economy.

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**Bill 48 Proposed CD1**  
Relating to the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility  
Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health

January 11, 2022

9:00 AM

Videoconference

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The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA), a member-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to enhance the cultural, economic, political, and community development of Native Hawaiians, **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** Bill 48 Proposed CD1, which seeks to resolve the crisis that currently threatens an aquifer that supplies fresh drinking water to nearly half of O'ahu's residents.

The Navy's Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility has leaked 180,000 gallons of fuel since 1940, **including recent leaks that have contaminated the Southern O'ahu Basal Aquifer.** After the November 2021 leaks, the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (HBWS) was forced to shut down its Hālawā Shaft, Hālawā Well and 'Aiea Well as a precautionary measure to prevent the fuel contamination from migrating to the public water system. An extended or permanent shutdown of these three critical HBWS wells would trigger mandatory water conservation measures during dry periods. **Moreover, the unknown levels of fuel contamination in the Southern O'ahu Basal Aquifer could have potentially devastating impacts on Hawai'i's economy, especially if the contamination is so great that the HBWS is unable to approve new wells to support new housing developments.**

Native Hawaiian traditions reflect the importance of fresh water for survival on an isolated archipelago in the middle of the vast Pacific. For example, the Hawaiian word for wealth is waiwai, which is the duplication of the word for water, wai. Numerous oli (chants), mele (song) and 'ōlelo noe'au describe the cultural significance of water. The famous saying "Ola i ka wai" extols the life-giving power of water.

Hawai'i's local leaders must take immediate action to protect the fresh water that supports our community. Bill 48 would provide the City enhanced authority to regulate underground storage tanks through a proposed permitting process.

In closing, we urge the Honolulu City Council to approve this bil to protect O'ahu's life-giving waters. **If not permanently shut down, cleaned up and removed, the Red Hill fuel tanks will continue to endanger not only the water source that serves 400,000 O'ahu residents but also Hawai'i's entire economic infrastructure.** Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully,

J. Kūhiō Lewis, CEO  
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Councilmembers,

As a resident of O‘ahu and a water drinker, I strongly support Bill 48, requiring any operator of underground storage tanks with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more, to obtain a permit from the City. It further stipulates that no permit will be granted unless the applicant proves that the tank or tank system will not leak regulated substances into the environment. We simply cannot permit underground storage tanks of that capacity or larger that pose such immense threat of leaking and contaminating our environment and water supply. To me it’s frustrating to see time after time there’s no accountability for the actions of the US NAVY!

The Navy has this track record - wherever they plant themselves, they have no respect for the people and their ‘aina and what’s important to that community.

We live on an island & I believe whoever lives here - whether you’re born and raised here or not - Wai (water) is truly a makana (gift) to us all from ke Akua and it’s our kuleana to take care of it and protect it.

I’m proud to be born and raised on Molokai where we as a community cherish and mālama our resources and aloha ‘āina. We have warriors like uncle George Helm and the rest the hui that layed their lives down to protect the ‘āina of Kaho’olawe from what the Navy was doing again . They use their power to desecrate another ‘aina and then leaving and someone else needs to clean up their mess! This contaminated cycle of the Navy needs to stop once and for all! They really need to think of the best solution and I don’t believe it’s flushing it out into the streams that leads out into our ocean killing the marine life and the food that many of us gather for our ‘Ohana. It is a tragedy that will become worse if they do not STOP the use of these underground storage tanks and call for more accountability regarding tanks such as these!

The Red Hill facility – the fragile, antiquated fuel tanks and supporting systems – has a long

history of leaking fuel into the surrounding environment and has already contaminated O'ahu's primary drinking water aquifer. Shutting down Red Hill immediately and entirely is the only way to guarantee the safety of our water and our people.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for taking up this important measure at the council.

Mahalo & aloha i ke Akua,  
Keoki Nanod-Sitch

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Committee Council  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on  
the matter Comment  
Representing Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

I applaude the City Council in strenthening our laws protecting our environment with introduction of Bill 48. However would like to offer an opinion that changing wording to granting or renewal of a UST permit will be whether the UST or UST system will be protective of human health and the environment, rather than a determination that the UST or UST system will not leak any regulated substance into the environment during its operating life.....appears weakened with the change and prefer the original as it's also easier to made a determination. Maybe put both together.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Council members,

My name is Lu'ukia Akamine-Pelekai and I am resident of Oahu. I am senior in high school and I am the future generation that is going to live and raise my kids here. I am here to state my support Bill 48 Requiring a Permit for facilities like the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

I am supporting Bill 48 because I want to have a future here in Hawaii. Water is life and our water is contaminated. Something that is supposed to be giving us life is hurting us because the navy did not take care of it. 20% of Hawaii's drinking water comes from the Kapukaki aquifer and that water was 350 times above what is considered safe to drink.

Written Testimony While my drinking water does not come directly from this aquifer, I still feel its effects. All the water on Hawaii is connected, our water comes from a natural cycle. Everything in Hawaii is connected, soon this water could be in all our plants, our animals, and our people. I plant and farm my own food, and I want to be sustainable but I can't do that if my food source is poisoned.

I am asking the Honolulu City Council Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health to pass Bill 48. I am asking to shut down the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, I am asking to move the storage away from our water. In the long run, I am asking to demilitarize hawaii. Future generations who live in Hawaii should not have to live with the consequences of our actions. We should be taking care of the aina because the aina takes care of us.

Mahalo,  
Lu'ukia Akamine-Pelekai

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha, my name is Aedan McGinley, and I am a junior at Castle High school.

I am here to state my support for the shutting down of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. I believe it should be shut down, because of the harmful effects that these tanks have had on our kanaka's health and safety on our island oahu, as well as the future problems they may cause for the entire state of Hawaii. The Navy has not been transparent in the condition and safe operation of the red hill fuel tanks, and now that they have become a health hazard for our people, this problem has never been more clear and important to discuss.

Written  
Testimony

I care about this issue, because I am a resident of Oahu, and with the contamination of the red hill aquifer, I understand the severity of the situation and feel for those that have been affected.

I am asking that the federal government steps up and accepts responsibility for the mess that has been created. The government should create solutions and pay for the damages caused, as well as taking steps to prevent anything like this in the future, as well as compensating those that have been affected.

This is a very severe situation that is affecting thousands on the island of Oahu. This problem needs to be taken care of swiftly and effectively, so that our island can continue to thrive.

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