Bill 48 (2021), CD1 Testimony

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CLK Council Info Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:43 PM Council Testimony

Name Phone	laakela miner-quidachay
Email Meeting Date	miner-quidachayl23@knights.k12.hi.us 01-15-2022
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	the Bill 48
Your position on the matter	Comment
Representing	Self
Organization	1: GREETINGS Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Council members, hi I am La'akela Miner-Quidachay
	2: BRIEFLY EXPLAIN WHO YOU ARE I am from Hawai'i, Oahu and go to James B. Castle High School in Kaneohe
	3: STATE THE PURPOSE OF YOUR LETTER I am here to state my support Bill 48 Requiring a Permit for facilities like the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility
Written	4: STATE 1 SPECIFIC REASON WHY YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THIS ISSUE
Testimony	I support Bill 48 Requiring a Permit for facilities because they could make it worse for the people they don't wanna make sick. The military already messed up by not taking control of the situation ahead of time, and taking it down when it first it was stated in the news on 1995
	5: BRIEFLY EXPLAIN WHY YOU CARE ABOUT THIS ISSUE There are a lot of my friends that live in the area that got sick because they did not know that there is fuel, polluting the water in Red Hill. It isn't only those situations there's a lot of families suffering because the little ones (kid) do not know right from wrong yet and they still drink the water because they're just kids they probably don't understand this situation and how big of a deal it is.
	6: EXPLAIN WHAT TYPE OF ACTION YOU WOULD LIKE THE

I am asking the Honolulu City Council Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health to . . . Honestly this is a big deal, i honestly don't know what i would do but i would let the people that know what they're doing to fix it and make it fast. I don't know if that was taking action but i would help too because i have experience in this situation of stopping it then draining it.

7: LAST THOUGHTS OR WORDS

Drain the tanks and find a place for them, especially the fuel coming out from then take it down peace by peace, it might take long and honestly it might take a longer time for the water pollution but we gotta find a better way and an easier situation to solve this.

8: CLOSING STATEMENT Mahalo/Sincerely la'akela Miner-Quidachay

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Name Phone	Christine Roberts
Email Meeting Date	chrissy2277@hotmail.com 01-11-2022
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Shut Red Hill down
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.
Written Testimony	[Share your personal story and how you and your community have been impacted. That personal connection you feel to wanting our water protected holds a lot of weight with 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.
	Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for taking up this important measure at the council
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CLK Council Info Thursday, January 20, 2022 11:11 PM Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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01-26-2022
Council
bill 48
Support
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retired
in full support. SNAFU, the correct name for the Navy, cannot be trusted. Do what you can to save the acquifer.
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Dear Chair Waters, Vice-chair Kia'āina, and honorable Council Members,

My name is Sabrina Cohan. I am a sixteen year old student living in Honolulu, and I am writing to you today to express my strong support of Bill 48.

Clean drinking water is a human right, and the operation of the Red Hill fuel tanks puts this right in jeopardy. The recent leakage of the tanks was not sudden, and there have been many warning signs throughout the years as to the tanks' structural instability. If the tanks are allowed to continue holding fuel 100 feet above Oahu's main aquifer, there is no guarantee that they will not leak again. I acknowledge that the Navy views the tanks as a national security asset, but the health of Oahu's residents cannot be compromised upon. The tanks must be decommissioned before the state of our aquifer deteriorates.

Bill 48 would prevent future crises of this sort before they begin, and would help to protect the right to clean water for the residents of Oahu for generations. This bill is vital to the continued health of the island, and to the protection of Oahu's environmental integrity. Our islands are beautiful, and should be protected, not exploited as a military asset.

As a young person living on Oahu, I am extremely passionate about environmental issues and protecting the natural beauty of this island for future generations. I also believe firmly in finding equitable solutions to environmental problems, and lifting up the minority communities affected most by environmental crises. The contamination of our aquifer is an issue of environmental justice, and poses serious threats to those communities that would not have the means to access fresh water should our groundwater be irreversibly harmed.

I appreciate your consideration of this bill, and would like to thank those who have fought for our right to clean water for decades. On behalf of the youth of Oahu, I hope that this council will pass Bill 48.

Sincerely, Sabrina Cohan

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From: Sent: Subject: CLK Council Info Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:24 PM Council Testimony

Name Phone	Linda Legrande
Email Meeting Date Council/PH Committee Agenda Item	malamamanoa12@gmail.com 01-26-2022
	Council
	Bill 48
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Organization Malama Manoa Dear Chair Waters and Council Members.
Written Testimony	Dear Chair Waters 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'lilkūkahi. 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 disaster. Sincerely, Linda Legrande, President Mālama Mānoa

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CLK Council Info Monday, January 24, 2022 4:11 PM Council Testimony

Name Phone	Kim Jorgensen
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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Bill 48 CD1
Your position or the matter	¹ Support
Representing	Self
Organization	Aloha,
	I am in FULL SUPPORT of Bill 48 and very much appreciate the Council's efforts to never allow another situation to ever happen again like the one our island is in right now thanks to the Red Hill jet fuel tanks rusting and leaking over a critical and precious aquifer.
Written Testimony	Our island's current water situation related to the Red Hill storage tanks is the result of decades of mistakes, human errors, greed, rust, procrastination, and very poor decisions made by territorial, federal, state, and local elected officials, the military, and hired contractors.
	Please pass Bill 48 so our island's aquifers will be protected, and there won't be a need to say, 'Woulda', or 'Coulda', or 'Shoulda' decades from now.
	Sincerely, Mr. Kim Jorgensen Waikiki
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CLK Council Info Monday, January 24, 2022 4:25 PM Council Testimony

Name Phone	Denise Boisvert
Email Meeting Date	infofordenise@yahoo.com 01-26-2022
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Bill 48 CD1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Ū	Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers,
	I fully and gratefully SUPPORT BILL 48.
	No one wants a water crisis anywhere in Hawai'i – and especially one that would be as devastating and infamous as the Exxon Valdez, Deepwater Horizon, and Flint, MI catastrophic disasters. Hawai'i must never be on such a list.
Written Testimony	Your enacting the strongest possible legislation is the only way to ensure the safety of our aquifers for decades to come, and likely forever.
	Your legislation will also make sure that O'ahu does not join the ranks of some very bad company!
	The time has come to finally and decisively set rules on what is - and isn't - allowed when it comes to storing fuel over an aquifer.
	Sincerely, Denise Boisvert Waikiki
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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice-chair Kia'āina, and Honorable Council Members,

The Hawai'i Youth Climate Coalition stands 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. Along with championing climate action, we value protection of land and water rights, and see the right to clean water as non-negotiable.

Bill 48's passage is important for addressing the Red Hill fuel tanks and future threats of leakage by storage tanks holding over 100,000 gallons of petroleum products. The leakage of the Red Hill fuel tanks is a threat to human welfare and our 'āina. It is of paramount importance that we, as a community and as a whole, should care for each other and put our health first. Additionally, we must malama 'āina and protect this spiritually, culturally, historically, and environmentally rich land. We cannot risk putting our people or our land in harm's way even further. This anti-environment episode is frankly unacceptable, and needs to be dealt with correctly and swiftly. We demand full transparency and accountability from the U.S. Navy, while ensuring adequate mitigation measures and safeguards are implemented to ensure this does not happen again. We cannot wait for further humanitarian and environmental disasters to occur with regards to the Red Hill fuel tanks.

As Bill 48 mentions, "eight of the currently operating tanks at the Facility have not been inspected pursuant to modern standards in more than two decades and are overdue for inspection." We need timely assessments followed by active responses to prevent disasters like the Red Hill fuel leaks in 2014 and this past November. In the past few months, the Navy has been pushing back against the removal of these tanks for the sake of national security, but public health is just as much of a national security asset as military operations are. The importance of our health and well-being should not be up for debate. If Bill 48's actions are implemented, and operators are required to have permits and be under stricter surveillance, we could prevent future fuel tank leaks and protect our community's health before the damage has been done.

As youth climate activists, we work towards replacing destructive practices with cleaner alternatives. For example, there are ongoing efforts to create sustainable aviation fuel as a possible alternative to harmful petroleum fuel. We appreciate that Bill 48 is working towards reducing the petroleum products that lie over the aquifer that supplies our drinking water. 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,

The Hawai'i Youth Climate Coalition Representatives:

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- Sabrina Cohan
- Mia Gaughan
- Katerina Im
- Misa Layne
- Tyler Levine
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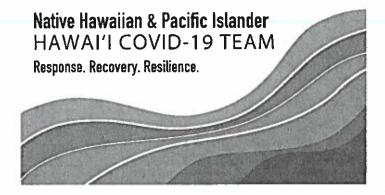
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Written Testimony

From:

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Council/PH Committee	Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Agenda Item	Bill 48
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Organization
Organization	Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Hawai'i COVID-19 Response Recovery and Resilience (NHPI 3R) Team
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SUPPORT TESTIMONY BILL 48: RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.

We, the NHPI 3R Team, write to reiterate strong support for 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 Hālawa 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 popoulation 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 NHPI 3R Team underscroes 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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CLK Council Info Tuesday, January 25, 2022 9:59 AM Council Testimony

Name Phone	Sherry Pollack
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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Bill 48
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	Aloha Chair and Councilmembers
	I am a resident of Oahu and a water drinker, and am in strong support of Bill 48 CD1. This bill provides the City and County of Honolulu with the power to issue, modify, suspend, or revoke any permit to operate underground storage tanks that pose a threat to Oahu's principal source of drinking water. I urge the Council to do everything in their power to ensure that our primary drinking water supply is protected.
Written Testimony	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. He stated that the current position of the BWS is that the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility should be DEFUELED and RELOCATED to a location not over an aquifer. Additionally, if the Mayor and the Board reach an agreement, the BWS is willing to take on the responsibility of protecting Honolulu's water resources as the permitting agency. I fully support this plan as it would be in the best interests of the whole community. The sooner the better.
	Mahalo nui for your efforts to prioritize the protection of our precious drinking water and for this opportunity to provide testimony on Bill 48 CD1.
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Kamehameha Schools[.]

City Council City and County of Honolulu

Time:10:00 a.m.Date:January 26, 2022Where:City Council Chamber

TESTIMONY by Kau'i Burgess Director of Community & Government Relations

RE: Bill 48, CD1 – Relating to Underground Storage Tanks

Aloha e ka Luna Ho'omalu Waters, ka Hope Luna Ho'omalu Kia'āina, a me nā Lālā o ka 'Aha o ke Kūlanakauhale a me ke Kalana o Honolulu.

Kamehameha Schools recognizes that the health, well-being and resilience of Hawai'i's communities directly impact the ability of our keiki to succeed in their educational journeys and in life. There are few things as critical to the health of our community as access to clean water.

We are deeply concerned that discharges from the Navy's Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility have contaminated O'ahu's Southern Basal Aquifer, negatively impacting the health of those families that rely on the Navy's Red Hill and 'Aiea-Hālawa shafts for water. We are further concerned that these contaminants could spread to other water sources that our community relies on and into our environment.

The health and safety of our keiki and the environment in which they live is important to Kamehameha Schools. Therefore, we applaud the Honolulu Board of Water Supply for taking the precautionary measure of closing its Hālawa shaft, 'Aiea well, and Hālawa well, to reduce the risk of spreading contaminants to other water sources.

If this issue is not promptly addressed and the risk of future discharges is not mitigated, the ongoing health concerns and potential decrease in available water, as the Board of Water Supply has alluded to in its public statements, could result in significant long-term impacts for all of O'ahu. A reduction in water supply could result in a decrease in economic and other social activities, and a halt in much-needed housing development. For a community still being impacted by COVID-19 and in the middle of a housing crisis, these impacts could be profound and last for years to come.

For these reasons, we greatly appreciate the work done thus far by leaders across our community to identify the source of contamination and prepare and execute plans to address the immediate crisis and mitigate ongoing and future risks. We recognize much more must be done to ensure that the threat to our precious water resources is eliminated and thank the Council for its

leadership in secking solutions. We continue to believe that greater transparency and information sharing are essential so that potential solutions, such as those being considered by the Council, can be thoroughly reviewed for feasibility and effectiveness, including with community consultation.

For these reasons, we encourage the Council to take action to address this issue that has the potential to critically impact the well-being of all O'ahu residents.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an organization striving to advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership.

Hānai i ke keiki, ola ka lāhui; nurture the child and the people thrive.

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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	Our Revolution Hawaii
	On behalf of Our Revolution Hawaii 5,000 supporters and members statewide, we are in support of Bill 48 and the permanent closing and defueling of the Navy's Red Hill fuel storage facility.
Written Testimony	The Navy claims that the Red Hill fuel storage facility is vital for national security. Using the national security argument against moving the fuel and shutting down the Red Hill facility is not valid, because protecting Oahu's prime source of drinking water from fuel contamination is what national security is all about.
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII STATE CAPITOL HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

January 25, 2022

Ms. Radiant Cordero 530 S. King St, Room 202 Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony for Bill 48(2021), CD1

To the esteemed councilmen and councilwomen of the City & County of Honolulu,

I write in strong support of Bill 48 (2021), CD1, RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS.

As a representative of Pu'uloa, now named Pearl Harbor, my community has been significantly impacted by the continuing water crisis on Oahu. Thousands of my constituents have been removed from their homes, and hundreds have become ill.

As this continuing crisis has become internationally known, the responsibility can be squarely placed upon the US Navy, the consequences of this crisis to our environment and community remain uncertain, and it remains uncertain whether the US Navy will indeed comply with numerous state orders, it is imperative that elected officials stand in solidarity with the people, and demand the defueling and decommissioning of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

As a member of the House of Representatives' Committee on Red Hill, I have had the opportunity to draft a resolution for adoption before the legislature which aligns with Bill 48. Please find that draft resolution attached to this testimony.

I thank you for your introduction of Bill 48, and the opportunity to testify before you.

Sincerely,

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Honolulu County Council | January 26, 2022 Bill 48 – Testimony in Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'āina, and Members of the County Council,

My name is Camile Cleveland, and I am submitting testimony in support of Bill 48 on behalf of the Surfrider Foundation O'ahu Chapter and our thousands of volunteers, members and supporters. The Surfrider Foundation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our ocean, waves, and beaches. Surfrider maintains a network of over 180 chapters and student clubs nationwide, including 4 chapters in the Hawaiian Islands. The Surfrider Foundation focuses on many aspects of the environment such as coastal protection, plastic pollution, and water quality.

We are testifying in support of Bill 48 in order to ensure Oahu's primary drinking supply does not continue to be contaminated with petroleum.

Clean drinking water is a basic right for all people, and ensuring that "no underground storage tank or tank system that contains a large volume of petroleum product should be allowed to operate above a sole source aquifer on O'ahu unless it can be established that the tank will not release any regulated substance during its operating life" is an important and logical step in order to maintain that right for the people of O'ahu.

The large petroleum tanks at Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility have been leaking tens of thousands of gallons of fuel for over twenty years, fuel which inherently seeps into the nearby aquifer and enters our island's **primary source of drinking water**. Based on the Quantitative Risk and Vulnerability Assessment of the Facility quoted in the Bill, which was prepared for the Navy in 2018, we have near certainty (a 96% risk) of an acute leak happening in the next ten years. The knowledge that there undoubtedly be continued leaks from the tanks is a clear sign that they should be better regulated and decommissioned for the safety and health of the island's people.

This bill is a critical measure to ensure clean drinking water for a majority of the population of O'ahu and to avoid a massive health and safety crisis on the island. Thank you for your consideration of this testimony in strong support of Bill 48, submitted on the behalf of the Surfrider Foundation's O'ahu Chapter and all of our members and supporters.

With aloha, Camile Cleveland Surfrider Foundation O'ahu Policy Coordinator

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	01-06-2022	
Council/PH Committee	Council	
Agenda Item	Bill 48	
Your position on the matter	Support	
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Organization		
Written Testimony	Ola I ka wai. Water is life. Shut down the Red Hill t	anks!
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