

# Bill 48 (2021), CD2 Testimony

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48 CD2  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony I STRONGLY SUPPORT the proposed CD2 draft of Bill 48, which would allow the City and County of Honolulu use its full authority to protect our groundwater supply from catastrophic contamination by underground storage tank systems. We have already seen the devastating impacts that water contamination from leaky underground storage tanks may have on people and the environment, with additional effects likely to ripple across our island over the summer and into the foreseeable future. The City and County must do all that it can to remove the threat of something far worse happening to our water supply, both now and for future generations to come. Notably, the Proposed CD2 draft of Bill 48 proposes a much higher standard for protection than state law, and I urge the Committee to adopt its amendments. Accordingly, please PASS Bill 48 in CD2 form as proposed.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify,

Maeve Hanna

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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	retired
Written Testimony	please pass this bill. i am so disgusted over this mess created by SNAFU (aka the Navy). We need to stick it to them every conceivable way. Their poisoning of our water must stop. no excuses. no delays
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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 and Councilmembers,

Here is a list that I hope O'ahu never gets on:  
Exxon Valdez – 1989  
Deepwater Horizon – 2010  
Flint, HI – 2014

Here is another list:  
"Erin Brockovich" – 2000  
"Dark Waters" – 2019

Written Testimony I hope... "Red Hill" – 202\_... is NOT in production!

Attached is a Letter to the Editor I wrote to CivilBeat in May, 2018 about scary movies.

Please pass any and all very strict legislation to prevent a catastrophic disaster to our sole source aquifer!

Mahalo,  
Denise Boisvert  
Waikiki

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Letters

# Letters: Red Hill Account Is Like A Nonfiction Horror Story

The hazards that the military's fuel tanks pose to Oahu's public water supply are scary.

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By The Civil Beat Staff  / May 30, 2018

🕒 Reading time: 5 minutes.



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## Legacy Of Leaking Fuel

**If only this story was fiction** *(May 25, 2018)*

Reading the eloquent and frightening opinion piece by Colleen Soares ("[My Tour Of The Red Hill Fuel Facility That Threatens Oahu's Water](#)") about the aging Red Hill jet fuel tanks situated over a major Oahu aquifer brought to mind some other stories that used to keep me up at night like "Frankenstein," "Dracula," and most everything Stephen King has written.

The problem with her article is that it is nonfiction!

— Denise Boisvert, Waikiki



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**Hānua Heiāna Complex  
& Keawāhewa Wetland**  
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**RE: Support and suggested amendments for Bill 48 (2021), CD2**

Marian Grey  
**Treasurer**

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

Dean Takebayashi  
**Director**

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), CD2 regarding such underground storage tanks (UST).

Gary Weller  
**Director**

Kendrick Chang  
**Community Outreach  
Coordinator**

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.

Dylan Ramos  
**Communications &  
Operations**

Still, while we support this latest draft, we will reiterate **two suggested amendments** in the event it's possible to make further changes during this third reading (perhaps in the Committee of the Whole):

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promote sensible growth,  
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upholding the integrity of  
the East Honolulu  
Sustainable Communities  
Plan.

1. The current and proposed phrasing of Sec. 41-45.2(a) mentions "100,000 gallons of any regulated substance." Such wording may be a matter of authority, but use of the term "regulated" makes us concerned that harmful but so-far unregulated substances could be stored against the spirit of this bill. Perhaps the capacity limit alone is enough to warrant the need for permitting.
2. CD2 revives language in Sec. 41-45.2(b) that says permits should only be given for tanks that "will not leak any regulated substance into the environment during its operating life." The previous CD1, meanwhile, requires that "granting the [UST] permit is protective of human health and the environment." We suggest combining the language or otherwise amending the Bill to include permitting based on safety, contingency, and mitigation plans for everything from construction through dismantling. This might be done by inserting into the proposed CD2 "Definitions" (Sec. 41-45.1) that "Operating life" means the entire time a UST or UST system is being constructed and installed and on through the date the department certifies that said UST or UST system is fully and properly dismantled and removed pursuant to health, safety, engineering, and environmental laws and regulations.

Regardless of these amendments, we would like to send a big mahalo to this Council – especially Councilmember Cordero, Chair Waters, and their teams who have been working on 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 remain the same as they are today, it could be a matter of months until all of us – all of you and your constituents – are asked or even mandated to conserve water.

So once more, thank you for hearing this Bill, strengthening it, and passing it with unanimous 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,

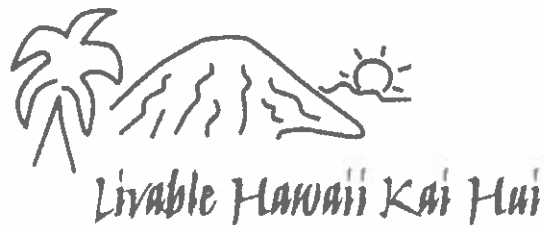


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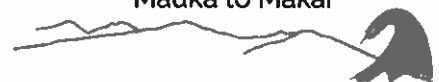


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## Written Testimony

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

I am in FULL SUPPORT of Bill 48.

Written  
Testimony

Our island's current water situation related to the Red Hill storage tanks is the result of decades of human errors, greed, rust, procrastination, and very poor decisions made by elected and government officials, the U.S. Navy, 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.

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Bill 48 (2021)
Your position on the matter	Support
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Organization	
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# SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

## HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

### Testimony in SUPPORT of Bill 48 CD2 - Relating to Underground Storage Tanks

Wednesday, February 23, 2021- 10am

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'āina, and members of the Honolulu City Council,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i offers testimony in **support of Bill 48 CD2** to protect our environment and public trust resources from contamination by any underground storage tank with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more.

O'ahu residents need, and the public trust requires, the City Council to ensure that our public trust water and other resources are protected from contamination and waste. Red Hill is an example of the public health and environmental catastrophe that can result when affirmative protections like Bill 48 are not in place. The 80-year-old Red Hill facility – including its fragile, antiquated fuel tanks, pipes, and associated infrastructure – has a decades-long history of leaking fuel into the surrounding environment and has already contaminated O'ahu's primary drinking water aquifer. These tanks have leaked 180,000 gallons of fuel since they were constructed and the Navy's own risk assessment from 2018<sup>1</sup> 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 catastrophe before us today could have been prevented had a measure like Bill 48 been in place to stop the U.S. Navy from operating this inherently dangerous facility.

Bill 48 seeks to ensure that massive underground storage tanks, including the Red Hill Facility do not contaminate our most precious public trust resources. Any entity, including the Navy, who simply cannot prove that their massive underground storage tanks will not leak regulated substances into the environment, should not be allowed to maintain or operate such tanks.

We urge the Honolulu City Council to pass this bill and protect O'ahu's water supply for the people whose lives depend on it.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

Wayne Chung Tanaka  
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<sup>1</sup>[https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2019-06/documents/red\\_hill\\_risk\\_assessment\\_report\\_redacted-2018-11-12.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2019-06/documents/red_hill_risk_assessment_report_redacted-2018-11-12.pdf)

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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 Self  
Organization

Aloha Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Bill 48 to protect Oahu's Water. My name is Jamie, and I am a resident of Kapolei.

Written  
Testimony

Growing up as a native Hawaiian, we are taught to respect our land and care for it. I feel that my responsibility is to speak up and protect our resources when in danger. Please take into consideration how the injustice of the pollution of our water is affecting our community, our people, and the further effects it will have. We need to prevent any further damage this will have on our water and the time is now.

Mahalo,  
Jamie Kapana

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**Honolulu City Council Public Hearing**  
*February 23, 2022*  
**Bill 48, CD2 – Testimony in Support**

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'Āina, and Members of the Honolulu City 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 the CD2 draft of Bill 48 in order to ensure Oahu's primary drinking supply does not continue to be contaminated with petroleum.**

The proposed CD2 draft of Bill 48 would allow the City and County of Honolulu to use its full authority to protect our groundwater supply from catastrophic contamination by underground storage tank systems. We have already seen the devastating impacts that water contamination from leaky underground storage tanks may have on people and the environment, with additional effects likely to ripple across our island over the summer and into the foreseeable future. The City and County must do all that it can to remove the threat of something far worse happening to our water supply, both now and for future generations to come. Notably, the Proposed CD2 draft of Bill 48 proposes a much higher standard for protection than state law, and we urge the Committee to adopt its amendments. Accordingly, please **PASS Bill 48 in CD2 form as proposed.**

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, CD2, 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 Chapter  
Policy Coordinator

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## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Bill 48 CD2  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

Aloha,

**Written Testimony**

I am writing to express my strong support for Bill 48 CD2, which requires any operator of underground storage tanks with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more, to obtain a permit from the City. This is vital given the recent Red Hill Crisis. Please vote to protect our water supply.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Elizabeth Benyshek  
Chair, Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Bill 48 CD2(2021)  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization loops  
Aloha kākou,

The Red Hill fuel leaks in May and November 2021, and times before that that the Navy did not admit, should trigger an unprecedented inflection in thinking, by all of Hawai'i's people and government, to do what needs to be done to guarantee that Hawai'i's pure water source is never less pure than what our kūpuna protected for us to enjoy and for us to do likewise.

Written  
Testimony

Because of the Navy's negligence that resulted in the Red Hill fuel leaks, hundreds of ordinary, loyal, families of armed services personnel living in military housing, have experienced skin conditions, respiratory disorders, reproductive challenges, immune and hematological disorders, neurological disorders, visual and hearing disorders, renal and hepatic diseases, cardiovascular conditions, gastrointestinal disorders, genotoxic and metabolic effects, and cancer.

The innocent victims smelled it in their household water. They saw a sheen. They family felt it: nausea, skin rashes, sore throats, burning eyes. They told the them things weren't right: the doctors, the VA, but they didn't believe the victims. The victims were told everything was fine. But the people who were supposed to help and care for them were wrong: there was poison in the victim's water — and now we know poison is in their bodies.

The victims have lost so much. The victims just want their family to get well — to live and be healthy like anybody else can.

I am alarmed and I am terrified of any eventuality that, what is now being suffered by those fuel contamination victims in the families of those loyal United States uniformed service men and women, EVER HAPPENS to the civilian population of O'ahu — EVER.

De-fuel the Red Hill fuel facility and shut it down now. The lives and health of everyone here depends on it.

I fully support Bill 48 CD2 (2021), and mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,  
Bruce Lum  
Halawa Resident

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Bill 48 CD2  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

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

As a resident of Oahu, a water drinker, and someone who works for a business affected by Red Hill, 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. This impacts our health and a basic right and need, plus impacts businesses supporting people in this community and has greater implications across the island and state. Shutting down Red Hill will help protect the safety of our land, our people and our water.

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

Mahalo and malama pono,  
Louise Sper

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## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item	Bill 48
Your position on the matter	Comment
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	This is serious, clean fresh water is a God given right to all of humanity!!!
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## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item	Bill 48
Your position on the matter	Comment
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	This is serious, clean fresh water is a God given right to all of humanity!!!
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Bill 48 CD2  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

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

I am a resident of Windward O'ahu and work in natural resource management. The situation that the Navy has put the current and future residents of O'ahu in is absolutely terrible and 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. Redhill fuel tanks have been proven to leak multiple times during its operation and cannot be trusted to remain filled. We 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

Shut down Red Hill immediately. The damage done is irreparable, but we as a community can do our best to prevent further damage. Windward O'ahu and the whole island will be affected. There is an order and balance to our environment and water is the key to it all. Without clean fresh water us humans and all living beings cannot exist. Imagine being forced to drink poisoned fuel water, imagine feeding your parents, your lover, your child, your pets, your favorite plant... fuel water. This is what many residents have already been traumatized with. Please do not allow this inhumane poisoning to continue a second, minute or day longer.

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

Sincerely,

Aimee You Sato

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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** Self

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 an 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,  
Luka Zavas

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## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Bill 48 CD2  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

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

Sincerely,  
Kristen Young

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH  
Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Bill 48 CD2  
Your position on  
the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony I urge the committee to implement July 1, 2022 as the date after which no underground storage tank can be operated. This situation is outrageous and needs to be addressed asap. There are no excuses.

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Bill 48 CD2  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

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

Written  
Testimony

I strongly support Bill 48 and urge you to pass it. We must require any operator of underground storage tanks with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more, to obtain a permit from the City. Furthermore, we must stipulate 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.

The Red Hill facility is old and corroded and because it was not well maintained 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,  
Laura Ramirez

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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



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

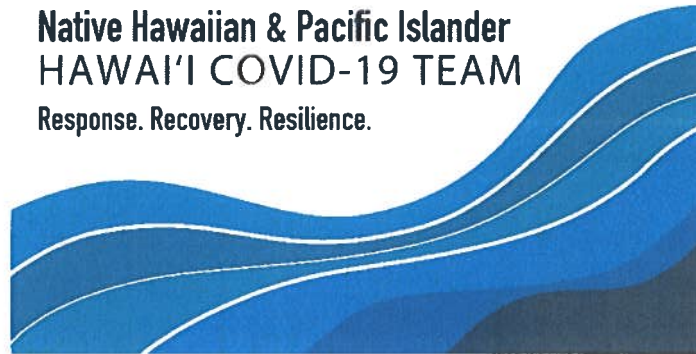
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The Hawai'i Youth Climate Coalition Representatives:

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- Sabrina Cohan
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**SUPPORT TESTIMONY**  
**BILL 48: RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS**  
HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.

**We, the NHPI 3R Team, write to reiterate strong support for Bill 48 (2021) CD 2 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 dangers clearly recorded include: historical record of spills, leaks, violations of environmental safety regulation, contesting of violations by the Navy, withholding of critical information by the Navy; the 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 in 2021; finally, the most recent announcement that the Navy has filed an appeal to resist the State's emergency order to defuel. These actions did not center the safety and health of natural resources or the people of Hawai'i. At this time, immediate defueling of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility remains critical; in addition, the context of placing the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility above a single source aquifer was never safe and additional protections are needed to ensure that potential pollutants are regulated to protect Hawai'i's natural resources.

The Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Hawai'i COVID-19 Response Recovery Resilience (NHPI 3R) Team is a collective of over 60 Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander organizations established in 2020 whose participants provide a variety of health expertise. 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 CD2, which includes suggested amendments for additional layers of protection. These actions 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 acting to hold a special meeting in 2021 where Bill 48 was introduced, reflecting the Council's understanding of the immediacy called for 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 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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## Written Testimony

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Committee  
Agenda Item Bill 48 CD2  
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 an 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.

Mahalo,  
C. Keoahunui Uale Warrington

### Testimony Attachment

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Your position on the matter	Support
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Written Testimony	Red Hill needs to be shut down. This situation is unsafe and unfair for the people of Oahu.
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