

RES23-070 Testimony

MISC. COMM. 211

HOUSING, SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH (HSH)

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Meeting Date: May 3, 2023 @ 02:30 PM

Support: 1

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

Name: Kathleen Pahinui	Email: pahinui001@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 30, 2023 @ 04:35 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha Committee Chair Weyer -</p> <p>I strongly support Res 23-070 URGING THE U.S. NAVY AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT WEEKLY TESTING OF NAVY RED HILL MONITORING WELLS AND THE RED HILL SHAFT FOR PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES ("PFAS") AND RELEASE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE HONOLULU BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY IN ITS LETTER TO THE U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DATED JANUARY 10, 2023.</p> <p>The health and safety of our community and our precious wai are of paramount importance.</p> <p>Mahalo,</p> <p>Kathleen Pahinui Waialua Resident</p>		
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Representing: Military Affairs Council	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 11:04 AM



COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION 23-70

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COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH

Councilmember Matt Weyer, Chair

Councilmember Esther Kiaāina, Vice Chair

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 2:30 PM

City Council Chamber

Chair Weyer, Vice Chair Kiaāina, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Military Affairs Council ("MAC") **offers comments** on Resolution 23-70.

The Hawaii Military Affairs Council (MAC) was established in 1985 when the Chamber was appointed by the State to serve as the liaison to the military. The MAC advocates on behalf of Hawaii's military, and is comprised of business leaders, academic institutions, State and County officials, members of the CODEL, community leaders, labor unions and organizations and retired U.S. flag and general officers. The MAC works to support Hawaii's location as a strategic U.S. headquarters in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region which is crucial for U.S. national and homeland security.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) have been used in widespread commercial applications since the 1940s because of their resistance to heat, water, oil, and time. The durability that made PFAS so useful in consumer products also made PFAS useful in a large range of military and firefighting applications. Aqueous film-forming solution (AFFF) is a PFAS category that performs exceptionally well at putting out fire for this lifesaving purpose.

The 2020 National Defense Authorization Act took significant steps to address PFAS contamination throughout the U.S., including communities in or near military bases and for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to accelerate the pace of actions already under consideration in the agency's PFAS Action Plan.

All military branches in Hawaii have and continue to take serious accelerated action to safely and completely



exceed the most stringent standards for PFAS.

While the Department of Defense (DOD) has extremely high safety standard for putting out fires quickly which limits the commercially available PFAS-free foam options for use by military installations in Hawaii, we ask the Committee's consideration to support the accelerated development so that all firefights in Hawaii – federal, state, local, and private – keep public spaces safe.

MAC respectfully requests the following amendments by adding:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Hawaii urges U.S. Congress and the Department of Defense to review its extremely high safety standard for putting out fires and accelerate development of PFAS- free firefighting options to remove PFA/AFFF from installations in Hawaii ahead of National Defense Authorization Act and Department of Defense mandated timelines; and

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on this matter.