

RES23-070 Testimony

MISC. COMM. 256

HOUSING, SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH (HSH)

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Meeting Date: May 24, 2023 @ 02:30 PM

Support: 1

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 18, 2023 @ 08:08 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am in full support. I do not trust SNAFU (aka the Navy) and all that can be done to hold their feet to the first is needed. I was upset this week when they said there would still be oil in the tanks after they are drained. Not good.</p> <p>Please support this resolution.</p>		
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COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION 23-70, PROPOSED CD1

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.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH

Councilmember Matt Weyer, Chair
Councilmember Esther Kia'āina, Vice Chair

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 2:30 PM
City Council Chamber

Chair Weyer, Vice Chair Kia'āina, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Military Affairs Council ("MAC") **offers comments** on Resolution 23-70, Proposed CD1.

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 our 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.