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The Honorable Radiant Cordero, Chair
and Members
Committee on Budget
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 100
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Cordero and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 24-18; CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 2, 2024

The Department of the Navy is testifying in support of City Council Resolution No. 24-18: approving the non-exclusive license agreement with the United States of America, Department of the Navy, for continued use of land within portions of Kuahelani Neighborhood Park, identified as TMK: 9-4-005:046 and Anania Drive, Mililani, Hawai‘i, for environmental test well monitoring and a subsurface electrical line.

In 2012, the Navy entered into a Non-Exclusive License Agreement with the City and County of Honolulu to use a portion of the Kuahelani Neighborhood Park and a portion of Anania Drive in order to investigate and monitor a low-volume fuel leak initially detected in 1978 from the former U.S. Air Force Hickam Petroleum, Oils, and Lubricants pipeline near the Kipapa Gulch Fuel Annex. The former Air Force pipeline was taken out of service from 1981 to 1984 and decommissioned in 1993. The agreement with the City and County of Honolulu allowed the Navy to install a monitoring well and an electric line to a biovent remediation system adjacent to Kamehameha Highway. In accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes chapter 128D, Hawaii Administrative Rules chapter 11-451, and the Response Action Memorandum approved and signed in 2013 by the Department of Health, operation of the remediation system and annual sampling of the monitoring well allows the Navy to report whether contaminants related to the abandoned petroleum pipeline low-volume fuel leak are migrating, and the remediation system remains effective, or if additional work is needed. The former Air Force Hickam Petroleum, Oils, and Lubricants pipeline and Kipapa Gulch Fuel Annex is part of the Navy’s Environmental Restoration Program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information related to Resolution No. 24-18 and for your support allowing the Navy to continue to protect and monitor the land and groundwater near the Kipapa Gulch Fuel Storage Annex and associated pipeline. The Navy is open to further technical discussions with subject matter experts regarding environmental actions at the former Air Force Kipapa Gulch Fuel Annex and pipeline.

Sincerely,

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