RES26-193
Testimony

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*INTERNATIONAL & LEGAL AFFAIRS (ILA)

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Meeting Date: Aug 26, 2026 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 9

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jacob Wiencek	jacob.m.wiencek@pm.me	96185
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 23, 2026 @ 11:59 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Councilmembers,

The Red Hill disaster continues to leave a significant impact on our city. Polluting our underwater aquifer is a considerable and ongoing challenge to Honolulu. I support this resolution to enhance and broaden our environmental testing and I urge this committee to support as well!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lee Kunimitsu	kunimitsl001@hawaii.rr.com	96819
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 24, 2026 @ 04:45 PM

Testimony:

I am writing with the intent of asking for the expansion of water groundwater testing in RedHill! Living in Moanalua Valley for the last 35 plus years with my family, I would to ensure we continue to have safe drinking water in our community and household! I feel it's also my role in the family to ensure water safety for everyone! I am not happy we became victims of tainted water due to someone else's negligence! Therefore I am requesting to continue with that water testing in the Red Hill area and beyond. Thank you! Aloha

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Joy Shimizu	j.shimizu@yahoo.com	96819-1401
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 24, 2026 @ 09:19 PM

Testimony:

I am in support. Water is our source of life. Priority must be given to ensure it is pure and chemical free.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Cazimere Ferguson	zac808@duck.com	96701
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 25, 2026 @ 06:43 AM

Testimony:

I support more frequent and comprehensive testing for PFAS and petroleum-related contaminants and for testing to extend beyond the immediate Red Hill area to better determine whether contamination may be migrating through O'ahu's aquifer.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brandon Elefante	senelefante@capitol.hawaii.gov	96813
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 25, 2026 @ 12:02 PM

Name:	Email:	Zip:
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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 25, 2026 @ 12:37 PM

Testimony:

Strong support.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Rep. Garner Shimizu	repshimizu@capitol.hawaii.gov	96813
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 25, 2026 @ 04:56 PM

Testimony:

I support this resolution that asks the Navy to expand their ground water testing efforts to safeguard and protect the public's invaluable drinking water.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Melanie Lau	melanie.lau999@gmail.com	96819
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 25, 2026 @ 07:21 PM

Testimony:

I strongly SUPPORT RES26-193 which would require the Navy to increase the frequency, chemical scope, and geographic extent of groundwater testing for PFAS and petroleum substances and their byproducts in the Red Hill and surrounding vicinities. The Board of Water Supply and the Navy have found alarmingly similar compounds and concentrations of many of these substances in areas consistent with groundwater flow models. It is time they worked collaboratively instead of at odds. The Navy must be required to share unredacted information with the BWS and to expand their scope and frequency of testing. Knowledge is power. The citizens of Oahu deserve safe, clean water to drink. Thank you.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
karen scharfenstein	pink_2_k@yahoo.com	96819-1407
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 26, 2026 @ 10:41 AM

Testimony:

Water is the life of the land. Constant monitoring and studies are essential by all agencies involved and must be done

expeditiously and with great caution to stop spread of harmful poisons, etc. More importantly specific education of dumping of harmful waste into the ground and and air should be the priority everyone living here.

The Senate
Ka ʻAha Kenekoa

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAIʻI 96813

August 25, 2026

The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
The Honorable Andria Tupola, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on International and Legal Affairs
Honolulu City Council, City Council Chambers
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Nishimoto and Members:

Subject: **Testimony in Support of Resolution 26-193**
RESOLUTION 26-193 – RED HILL BULK FUEL STORAGE FACILITY. Urging the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Hawaiʻi State Department of Health to require the United States Department of the Navy to increase the frequency, chemical scope, and geographic extent of groundwater testing for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and petroleum chemicals in the immediate vicinity of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility and surrounding areas.

My name is Brandon Elefante and I serve as a member of the Hawai'i State Senate representing the ʻAiea and Pearl City communities. I offer this testimony in **strong support** for Resolution 26-193. Clean water is a vital resource to the livelihoods our communities. It's important that we are proactive to take every crucial step to be good stewards of how we monitor, treat, and deliver the best water resources we can to our communities. Increasing the frequency of testing and expanding the geographic scope around the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, and its surrounding areas, will give key agencies and communities a better understanding on how best to treat per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS"). I strongly believe that the U.S. Navy can be good partners to advocate and take responsibility for these efforts.

I am grateful to Councilmember Radiant Cordero for introducing this measure and to the Honolulu City Council's continued leadership and commitment to ensuring that the necessary tools and resources are available to effectively address this prominent issue. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Brandon Elefante
Hawaiʻi State Senator District 16