

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 114/HOUSE RESOLUTION 97
REQUESTING THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO
CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ALLOWING THE FACILITIES
AT LUALUALEI, WHICH ARE OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES NAVY, TO BE USED AS AN
EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR CIVILIANS

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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Chair Evans and Committee Members:

I am Major General Bob Lee, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony on House Concurrent Resolution 114/House Resolution 97.

The proposed Resolution requests that State Civil Defense perform a feasibility study of the U.S. Navy Magazine at Lualualei to determine if facilities could be made available for use as public emergency shelters. Providing emergency shelter spaces for our residents and visitors during emergencies is a priority for State Civil Defense and all county civil defense agencies. In that regard, for Oahu's leeward coast there are currently shelters located at the following schools: Kamaile Elementary, Leihoku Elementary, Maili Elementary, Makaha Elementary, Nanakuli Elementary, Nanakuli High & Middle, Waianae Elementary, and Waianae Middle.

The operational and logistical mission of the Lualualei Naval Magazine may preclude free and at times even restricted access to the public. However, we will work with the Lualualei Installation and Navy Region Commanders but we believe this resolution is unnecessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on this measure.