

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA
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In the Senate
September 11, 2025

Senate Resolution 03-26

IN SUPPORT OF COMMEMORATING THE SIGNING OF THE 2015 RED HILL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON CONSENT (AOC), ON ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY, AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPACTS OF THE 2014 AND 2021 FUEL SPILLS ON O‘AHU’S WATER AND COMMUNITY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

- WHEREAS*, the Associated Students of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Senate is the elected body representing approximately 14,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,
- WHEREAS*, on January 13, 2014, the U.S. Navy determined that approximately 27,000 gallons of jet fuel were released from Tank 5 at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, which was confirmed to the Hawai‘i Department of Health (DOH) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), contaminating the environment and threatening O‘ahu’s primary aquifer; and,
- WHEREAS*, In September 2015, the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) was signed by the U.S. Navy, Defense Logistics Agency, EPA Region 9, and the Hawai‘i DOH, requiring the Navy and DLA to conduct release assessments, remediation, and infrastructure improvements to minimize threats to human health and the environment; and,
- WHEREAS*, the AOC explicitly recognized the potential for “an imminent and substantial endangerment to health or the environment” from continued Red Hill fuel releases, thereby mandating strict oversight; and,¹
- WHEREAS*, the year 2025 marks the 10th anniversary of the signing of the 2015 AOC on September 29, 2015, which remains in effect today and continues to require oversight, transparency, and accountability; and,
- WHEREAS*, despite the AOC, catastrophic fuel releases occurred in May and November 2021, contaminating the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam water system and poisoning 93,000 O‘ahu residents, forcing the evacuation of families, schools, and medical facilities; and,^{2 3}
- WHEREAS*, this 2021 crisis galvanized the Hawai‘i community, who organized, mobilized, and ultimately forced the shutdown of the Red Hill facility despite Navy denials and delays; and,
- WHEREAS*, the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, as a University Affiliated Research Center (UARC) institution, is formally affiliated with the U.S. Navy—the very federal entity responsible for the January 2014 Red Hill spill—and therefore bears both a moral responsibility and an institutional

¹ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency & Hawai‘i Department of Health. Red Hill Administrative Order on Consent and Statement of Work. Signed September 2015. EPA Docket No. RCRA 7003-R9-2015-01 / Hawai‘i DOH Docket No. 15-UST-EA-01. [PDF link \(EPA archive\)](#)

² U.S. EPA. Overview: Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. EPA Region 9. <https://www.epa.gov/red-hill>

³ Hawai‘i Department of Health. Red Hill Information Hub. Includes impacts of the 2021 water crisis and number of residents affected. <https://health.hawaii.gov/redhill>

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duty to recognize the consequences of this relationship while advocating for the protection of O‘ahu’s sole source aquifer and the health of its students, faculty, and staff; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Hawai‘i community depends on safe, clean water for its health, education, and future, and has a responsibility to advocate for environmental justice and accountability; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the ASUH Senate supports efforts to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the signing of the 2015 Administrative Order on Consent (September 29, 2015) as a time to reflect, educate, and renew calls for lasting accountability; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the ASUH affirms the connection between the Navy’s failure to address the 2014 spill, the subsequent 2021 crisis, and the ongoing risks posed to O‘ahu’s aquifer; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the ASUH stands in solidarity with community organizations, public agencies, and affected residents who continue to demand justice, remediation, and permanent protection of Hawai‘i’s water; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to University of Hawai‘i President Wendy Hensel; Hawai‘i State Governor Josh Green; the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents; the University of Hawai‘i Student Caucus; House Special Committee on Red Hill Co-Chairs Rep. Ichiyama and Rep. Lowen; the Hawai‘i State Technology Committee; Hawai‘i State Higher Education Committee Chair Donna Mercado Kim; Congressman Ed Case; Congresswoman Jill Tokuda; Senator Brian Schatz; Senator Mazie Hirono; the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Graduate Student Organization; Ka Leo O Hawai‘i; the Honolulu Board of Water Supply; and Interim Vice Provost for Student Success Kapā Oliveira.

MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE SENATE RESOLUTION 03-26: IN SUPPORT OF COMMEMORATING THE SIGNING OF THE 2015 RED HILL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON CONSENT (AOC), ON ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY, AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPACTS OF THE 2014 AND 2021 FUEL SPILLS ON O‘AHU’S WATER AND COMMUNITY

Aye(s): VP Ziadeh, Sec Sugui, Sen Pale, Sen Laguatan, Sen Garcia, Sen Jaquish [6]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Introduced by:

Ulupuhi Pale, Senator of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Vinz Sugui', written in a cursive style.

Secretary
Lord Vinz Sugui

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