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**Unified Statement on Red Hill**

If we mālama the water, the water will mālama us. This is a relationship that requires active stewardship. The contamination of the land above the aquifer and of the aquifer itself are unprecedented threats. Our unified efforts are required.

Our goal is to have clean and pure water now and for future generations. Closure of the Red Hill tanks and facilities and remediation of the lands upon which they sit must meet this goal. Corrective actions and restoration of the aquifer may be required in addition to remediation in order to meet the goal of clean and pure water now and for future generations.

Aquifer remediation should be undertaken guided by a policy document that describes our goals, the implementation process, roles, guidelines, and regulatory framework as an agreement between the State of Hawai'i and the federal government. Development of the policy and the remediation effort itself will benefit from constructive and timely public engagement.

We seek a proactive approach, plan, and operational integration rather than one that defensively regulates a cleanup to the extent that current laws allow. We understand that this will require new ways of thinking and acting, locally and nationally. This is in the interest of all of the people of Hawai'i and, we believe, in the interest of this country.

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