

# OPPOSE SECRET MILITARY RESEARCH AT UH

The University of Hawaii Board of Regents just approved a contract with the Navy to conduct secret military research in Hawaii called University Affiliated Research Center/Applied Research Lab (UARC/ARL). Students and faculty throughout the UH system are standing up in opposition to this decision. Why?

**The UARC/ARL Is Undemocratic, Unacademic, Unreasonable, Environmentally Unsound and Secret**

## **UARC/ARL Is Undemocratic And Unacademic**

The Students and Faculty Opposed the Military Contract.

Many do not know that on September 27, 2007 the University Board of Regents (“UHBOR”) approved a military contract known as the UARC/ARL. The UARC/ARL is a contract approving military and other potentially dangerous and or environmentally unsound research to be conducted across the archipelago. The UHBOR approved this military contract without the support of the Student or Faculty Senates/Congresses that collectively represent UH Students and Faculty State wide.

The UHBOR approved this military contract without the consent of any of the UH constituents that were opposed and or had not been given time to review the UARC/ARL military contract prior to its approval.

Hawaii’s Lawmakers Opposed the Military Contract.

Many do not know the State Lawmakers strongly advised the UH to not sign the military contract, but the UHBOR nonetheless approved the UARC/ARL military contract without the support of the State Lawmakers. The UHBOR also approved the military contract against the advice of many community leaders and activist. The UH is a publicly funded University and it is meant to serve the Students, Faculty and the public at large. That is what the taxpayers pay for.

## **Which Corporations Testified FOR the UARC?**

Raytheon  
Lockheed Martin  
Novasol  
Pacific Defense Solutions  
Hawaii Biotech  
Enterprise Honolulu  
Concentris Systems  
Applied Marine Solutions  
EPSCoR  
Archinoetics  
National Defense Center of Excellence for Research in Ocean Science

## **The UHBOR UARC/ARL Military Contract Serves Corporate Interests Not the Interests of Students, Faculty, and the Public.**

Many do not know that approximately 38 Private Corporations testified in support for the UARC/ARL Military Contract. The total number of support letters 42. The Corporations that supported the UARC/ARL, represent Military weapons manufacturers and other newly created Corporations that will benefit financially from the UHBOR UARC/ARL Contract.

The UARC/ARL Military Contract will benefit those Corporations because it directs taxpayer dollars to be distributed to those corporations. The UH is not meant to serve as a money funnel for distributing tax dollars to Corporations.

## **The UHBOR UARC/ARL Military Contract Promotes Secret Research**

Many do not know that while classified research is suspended under the UHBOR UARC/ARL military contract for three years, what the UHBOR is not saying is that “secret” research is still permitted under the contract conditions. Secret research undermines academic freedom and responsibility.

## **What is the UHBOR UARC/ARL?**

This UARC/ARL is a multi-year agreement between the U.S. Navy and the UH Administration to conduct secret weapons-related research activities throughout Hawaii. It allows for funding to flow between the Navy, the University, and military contractors with little or no public oversight. UH’s Board of Regents, appointed by the Governor, voted to approve the agreement in the face of overwhelming student, faculty, and community opposition.

The UHBOR UARC/ARL contract permits secret research to be conducted lifting certain academic and ethical standards. For example, what are the standards for conducting human subject research? This suppresses academic freedom and can lead to unethical research practices. Furthermore, there is an ongoing Federal criminal investigation of corruption and mismanagement of past Navy contracts with UH that are linked to the UARC/ARL.

Which Regents Voted the UARC/ARL at UH?

Kitty Lagereta, Compac  
Michael Dahilig, Student member  
Allan Landon, Bank of Hawaii  
Ramon de la Pena, Agriculture Professor  
Ronald Migita, Central Pacific Bank  
Andres Albano, CB Richard Ellis  
Jane Tatibouet, Hawaii Hotel Consultants

Research projects can be done in Community without their knowledge or consent, all under the cloak of secrecy. This is un-reasonable and potentially dangerous to all. The UHBOR UARC/ARL is allowing corporations to hide behind the military (who include men and women that are dying ever day in the war) to take the taxpayers dollars, and to hide behind "military research."

### **The UHBOR UARC/ARL Is Not Environmentally Sound**

This Military Contract Allows Projects To Be Conducted That Will Affect The Lands And Seas Of Hawai'i, Impacting All Of The Citizens Of Hawaii Without Any Public Environmental Review.

Many do not know that the UHBOR UARC/ARL Military contract is not just meant to build a laboratory. The UARC/ARL contract authorizes research projects that will take place on the land and in the seas that belong to the public. The UHBOR UARC/ARL research projects include but are not limited to:

Expanding telescopes atop Mauna Kea, Haleakala and or both. The UARC/ARL contracts allocate money directly to astronomy related development projects, even though the courts called for greater conservation in the conservation zones atop these mountains, where astronomy development has occurred in the past and is planned for the future.

The UHBOR has not conducted environmental assessments for UARC/ARL astronomy research and development projects, that could impact the environment and the people of Hawaii.

The UHBOR UARC/ARL contract allows for continued NAVY sonar projects to be conducted in the seas around Hawaii. The courts have found NAVY sonar projects are not exempt from the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA").

The UHBOR has not conducted environmental assessments for Navy related research projects that could impact the environment and the people of Hawaii.

**THE UHBOR'S UARC/ARL MILITARY CONTRACT IS UNACADEMIC AND UNREASONABLE! BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BELIEVE US CHECK IT OUT AT:**

**<http://www.stopuarc.info>**

**What can you do? Demand immediate termination of the UARC/ARL!!**

**SAVE UH/STOP UARC!**