

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 8, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1999

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1999 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL DEFENSE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to establish a new Department of Civil Defense to which all powers, responsibilities, and functions currently assumed by the state Department of Defense in the areas of civil defense, disaster relief, and emergency planning, preparedness, and response shall be transferred.

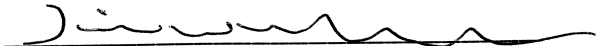
The Department of Defense testified in opposition to this bill.

Hawaii's state of readiness to respond to disasters and emergencies is critical to the safety, welfare, and defense of its people. Accordingly, your Committees believe that the proposal to establish a new Department of Civil Defense merits further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and Labor & Public Employment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1999 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Public Safety &
Military Affairs and Labor &
Public Employment,


KIRK CALDWELL, Chair


KEN ITO, Chair



