

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2207
A BILL MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR DISASTER RELIEF

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

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February 26, 2008

Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

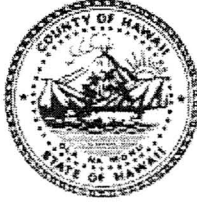
I am Ed Teixeira, Acting Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense.
I am testifying on House Bill 2207.

We support the overall intent of House Bill 2207 so long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget Request.

The proposed bill makes an appropriation to Hawaii County to pay for its cost-share requirements under federal disaster assistance programs authorized for the 2006 Earthquake Disaster. The county needs to pay for 20 percent or \$1,344,089 for the repair of various roads, culverts, and bridges under the Federal Highway Administration program. The county is also seeking funds in the amount of \$665,000 to pay for its 25 percent cost-share of 102 FEMA-eligible repair projects. The County Department of Water Supply needs \$3,761,621 to address anticipated cost over runs for repairs at the Waikoloa Reservoirs and on water tanks systems in various county districts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. Are there any questions?

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February 25, 2008

The Honorable Marcus Oshiro
Chair, Committee on Finance
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

Re: HB 2207

The State Legislature has been generous over the years to all the counties when natural disaster strikes. Hawai'i County would like to ask for your help again, with respect to the earthquake that struck on October 15, 2006, causing great damage on our island.

Last year's Legislature passed an emergency appropriation bill that was meant to help. We did receive \$850,000 for some of our park repairs, for which we are grateful. However, we are told by the State Department of Defense that it is difficult to tap the rest of the funding because the Legislature appropriated the money from the Rainy Day Fund rather than the General Fund, and the Governor does not believe that this is warranted.

Moreover, last year's action (HB 1345, CD 1, Act 78 [2007]) covered FEMA approved projects only. Road projects do not come under FEMA, but rather FHWA, so they could not be covered in Act 78.

The County of Hawai'i is left with matching requirements of \$1,344,089 for Federal Highways fund match; \$665,000 for FEMA match; and \$3,761,621 for Department of Water Supply FEMA match and other excess costs. Any financial assistance provided to cover these County out-of-pocket expenses would be appreciated.

I have attached a chart indicating how our numbers were arrived at, and various County departments may be submitting separate testimony. If this Committee requires any additional information, my staff and I stand ready to provide it. If I am not available please contact Deanna Sako at Accounts at 961-8425.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harry Kim".

Harry Kim
MAYOR

ATTACHMENT

County of Hawaii
 Earthquake Costs
 October 12, 2007

Department	Total Costs	Autorized FEMA Amount	FEMA Share	Cty 25% Match	Possible Insurance Proceeds	State Funding	County Out of Pocket Costs
Fire	96,971.52	44,484.37	33,363.28	11,121.09	52,487.15	-	11,121.09
Civil Defense	119,425.29	119,425.29	89,568.97	29,856.32	-	-	29,856.32
Police	99,634.95	99,634.95	74,726.21	24,908.74	-	-	24,908.74
Environmental Mgmt	301,743.80	122,273.28	91,704.96	30,568.32	131,894.73	-	78,144.11
Mass Transit	26,838.54	26,838.54	20,128.91	6,709.63	-	-	6,709.63
Prosecuting Attorney	1,141.70	1,141.70	856.28	285.42	-	-	285.42
Dept of Public Works (FEMA)	1,643,125.66	1,643,125.66	1,232,344.25	410,781.41	-	-	410,781.41
Dept of Public Works (FHWA)	6,720,445.00	6,720,445.00	5,376,356.00	1,344,089.00	-	-	1,344,089.00
Dept of Public Works - Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office of Housing	3,142.03	3,142.03	2,356.52	785.51	-	-	785.51
Parks & Recreation	1,834,796.04	409,618.56	307,213.92	102,404.64	575,177.48	850,000.00	102,404.64
Dept of Water Supply	5,444,713.00	1,923,534.67	1,442,651.00	480,883.67	240,440.64	-	3,761,621.36
Totals	16,291,977.53	11,113,664.05	8,671,270.30	2,442,393.75	1,000,000.00	850,000.00	5,770,707.23

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NOTES:

1. County Out of Pocket Costs includes 25% FEMA Match (Total Costs - FEMA Share - Possible Insurance Proceeds = County Out of Pocket Costs)
2. FHWA matching share is 20%
3. Many of the costs are estimates