STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2207, HD1 A BILL MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR DISASTER RELIEF

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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March 14, 2008

Chair Inouye and Committee Members:

I am Major General Bob Lee, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am testifying on House Bill 2207, HD1.

We support the overall intent of House Bill 2207, HD1 so long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget Request.

The proposed bill provides for local matching funds for the County of Hawaii to continue to receive federal funds for damages incurred as the result of the 2006 Earthquake Disaster: \$1,344,089 to match the non-federal cost share requirements to repair various roads, culverts and bridges under Federal Highway Administration program; \$665,000 to match the non-federal share of FEMA eligible repair projects; and \$3,761,621 to address additional Department of Water Supply repairs at the Waikoloa Reservoirs and water tanks.

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

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Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair And, Members

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Bob Jacobson

Conference Room 229 State Capitol

Re: HB 2207

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR DISASTER RELIEF

I strongly support SB 2207. The earthquake of October 15, 2006 was disastrous for the Big Island of Hawaii. Senate Bill 2207 will appropriate funds to maximize available federal reimbursements to assist the County of Hawaii with earthquake recovery efforts. The County of Hawaii thanks you for your past appropriations toward disaster relief.

I urge you to pass SB 2207.

Aloha,

Bob Jacobson