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February 6, 2008

The Honorable Cindy Evans
Chair, Committee on Public Safety
and Military Affairs
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Evans 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 have your staff contact Andy Levin at 961-8211, or Deanna Sako in Accounts at 961-8425.

Aloha,

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	<u></u>		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 5,770,707.23

NOTES:

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

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STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT G. F. LEE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

February 7, 2008

Chair Evans and Committee Members:

I am Major General Bob Lee, 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 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?