

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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Testimony

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2567
A BILL RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

BY

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Chair Green and Committee Members:

I am Major General Bob Lee, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony on House Bill 2567.

We support the intent of House Bill 2567 so long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget Request.

A study to assess the structural integrity of hospitals and nursing homes in Hawaii is consistent with our emergency preparedness planning goals. We are concerned, however, about the timeline to perform an assessment of all hospitals and nursing homes throughout the entire State in a 6-12 month period.

If this measure is passed we will work closely with the Department of Health, with hospital and health care associations, and with health care facility owners and operators to ensure the assessments are performed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on this important measure.