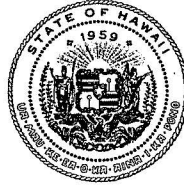


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We support the intent of the bill, as we agree it is the responsibility of the civil defense agencies to be the lead in the development and implementation of disaster plans to maintain transportation access during emergencies. The Department of Transportation (DOT) works with all counties during emergencies to assist in restoring transportation access.

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February 7, 2008

Chair Evans and Committee Members:

I am Major General Bob Lee, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. We support the intent of House Bill 2577 HD 1 so long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget Request.

The county, with the support of the State, should develop a disaster contingency plan to support and maintain access to communities served by the Hana Highway including the Piilani Highway. The development of a disaster contingency plan will require resources (funds, manpower, and time) which a small agency like Maui County Civil Defense does not have much of.

We defer to the County of Maui for comments and recommendations.

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