

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2963
A BILL RELATING TO NATURAL DISASTERS

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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Chair Evans 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 2963.

House Bill 2963 proposes to appropriate general revenue funds for structural and nonstructural earthquake disaster recovery and mitigation projects. Recovery activities from the 2006 Earthquake Disaster continue throughout the State through the resources of affected county governments, State agencies, those provided by the Legislature, federal agencies, and non-government organizations. Much work remains to be done, however, that may require additional funding as various earthquake repair projects have demonstrated that our initial damage inspections did not determine the full extent of damages to infrastructure. One area that may require funding is the Piilani Highway, south Maui, where the county is faced with a significant funding shortfall to address earthquake remediation projects.

We support the intent of House Bill 2963 so long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget Request.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this disaster-related measure.

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Dear Representative Evans

I fully support appropriating funds for structural and non-structural earthquake recovery and mitigation projects, providing that the projects includes measures to ensure survivability in future disaster with a multi-hazard approach. Kohala Ditch Restoration Project is in need of these funds.

Respectfully,
Edward Boteilho Jr