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Chairwoman Evans,

I support any initiative to accelerate the process of installing civil defense sirens across the state. We all know the dangers associated with inadequate warning during times of emergency. I would not want to see any life lost simply because there was no warning from an incoming tsunami.

Mahalo,
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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 3402
A BILL RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE

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 in support of House Bill 3402.

The proposed bill will provide State Civil Defense and county civil defense agencies an exemption from county permitting requirements when installing outdoor siren warning systems. Too frequently we have experienced contracting delays caused by the waiting period for county permits. This condition has contributed to a lengthy outdoor siren installation process that averages about two years.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill.

Are there any questions?