

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 72  
REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DESIGNATE A STATE AGENCY TO DEVELOP A  
STATEWIDE LAND USE STRATEGY TO MITIGATE POTENTIAL HAZARDS CAUSED BY  
CATASTROPHIC DISASTERS

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS  
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BY

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Chair Evans, Chair Ito and Committee Members:

I am Major General Bob Lee, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony in support of House Concurrent Resolution 72.

This resolution provides for the designation of a state agency to develop a statewide land use strategy to mitigate potential damage to public infrastructure and private property due to disasters. From a State Civil Defense perspective, we welcome the opportunity to develop such a strategy as it will improve hazard mitigation planning at the State and county levels.

We defer to the DBEDT Office of Planning for specific evaluation criteria. However, we are willing to participate in consultation with other state agencies and stakeholders to develop the land use strategy.

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