

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2724  
A BILL RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

PRESENTATION TO THE  
COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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Chair Inouye and Committee Members:

I am Major General Bob Lee, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing testimony on Senate Bill 2724. We support the overall intent of this bill so long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget Request.

This initiative parallels continued efforts on the part of the State Department of Defense to obtain federal funding for a Pacific Homeland Security training facility in Hawaii. The need for a multi-agency training center has been raised with our congressional delegates and with the Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security since 2003.

If this measure is passed, the State Department of Defense will collaborate with the consultant, first responders and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to plan for the training facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this initiative.

