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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FEBRUARY 4, 2008

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.



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Senator Inouve, Senator Tsutsui and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Public Safety appreciates the intent of Senate Bill 2724, to conduct a feasibility study for a Hawaii state public safety and emergency response training facility.

The Department of Public Safety agrees that fire fighters, law enforcement officers, including county police, corrections officers, and department of land and natural resources; division of conservation and resources enforcement officers, and other emergency first-responders are fully prepared to respond to natural and manmade disasters.

However, a feasibility study would require funding of more than \$1 or so much thereof as may be necessary for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, which would have a negative impact to the Governor's Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.