

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2874  
A BILL RELATING TO NATURAL DISASTERS

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 2874.

Senate Bill 2874 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 Senate Bill 2874 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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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE  
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**FEBRUARY 1, 2008, 1:15 P.M.**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2874  
RELATING TO NATURAL DISASTERS**

Chairperson Inouye and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill No. 2874. The purpose of this bill is to provide additional funds to complete repairs and install mitigation measures to state facilities and improve Hawaii's preparedness for future disasters. The department supports the intent of this bill provided it does not impact the priorities set forth in our executive biennium budget.

We offer the following background information: due to the massive amount of earth loosened by the earthquake of October 15, 2006 and deposited on the valley floors, the DOA is having considerable difficulty keeping the intakes free and clear of debris. Each significant storm migrates more of this material downstream, eventually clogging one or more of the intakes that have been cleared, cutting off what little water is available. Due to our current staffing and funding levels, clearing of these intakes could take up to several months. All of the active intakes should be assessed to recommend improvements to mitigate these issues and improve accessibility. In addition, although the Waima intake is not active, we have firsthand experience that keeping this portion of the system operational is one of the most critical needs of the system as all collected waters must pass this point prior to entering the final tunnel. Armoring this intake is needed to prevent rocks from puncturing the roof and collapsing the structure as has happened in the past.

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Dear Senator Inouye

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