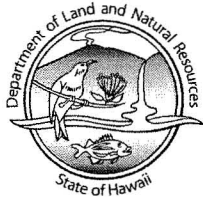


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**TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON
OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

on Senate Bill 788, Senate Draft 2 – RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE**

March 27, 2008

Senate Bill (SB) 788, Senate Draft (SD) 2, would extend the lapse date for disaster relief appropriations made by Act 118, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2006, as amended by Act 89, SLH 2007. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports extending emergency appropriations to mitigate damages caused by the 2006 heavy rains and flooding as proposed in this SD 2.

Mitigative work for damages incurred as a result of the heavy rains and flooding has been on-going. While the much of the work has been completed, some of the projects were delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. For instance, in April 2007, Federal funds from the United States Natural Resources Conservation Service became available for the Makaua Stream Restoration and Debris Removal project in Kaaawa, Oahu and the Wailapa Stream/Kilauea River Debris Removal project in Kilauea, Kauai. Emergency appropriations contained in Act 118, SLH 2006, as amended by Act 89, SLH 2007, will be used to match \$5,000,000 in Federal funding. Design work for both these projects are on-going but the awards of the construction contracts are anticipated to occur after the lapse date of the funds (June 30, 2008). The extension is necessary to secure the federal/state funded projects and to complete all mitigation work incurred as a result of the heavy rains and flooding.

Attached for the Committee's information is a listing of some of the emergency projects which the Department has or is addressing and its status.

The Department strongly recommends this Committee to pass this measure "unamended".

ATTACHMENT – SUMMARY OF EMERGENCY PROJECTS

<u>Project</u>	<u>Status</u>
Kaaawa Landslide, Oahu	Completed March 2006
Driveway Culvert Repairs in Maunalaha Valley, Oahu	Completed April 2006
Diamond Head Rockfall Mitigation, Oahu	Completed April 2006
Hauula Ditch Debris Removal, Oahu	Completed August 2006
Round Top Drive Emergency Slope Repairs, Phase I, Oahu	Completed October 2006
Fasone Residence Rockfall Mitigation, Oahu	Completed December 2006
Takahashi Residence Rockfall Mitigation, Kauai	Completed January 2007
Fern Grotto Rockfall Mitigation and Damage Repairs, Kauai	Completed March 2007
Wailoa Small Boat Harbor Emergency Dredging, Hawaii	Completed June 2007
Halamanu (Field 21) Reservoir Emergency Spillway Repairs, Kauai	Completed August 2007
Debris Fences Above Individual Homes in Manoa, Oahu	Completed December 2007
Mala Wharf Boat Ramp Emergency Dredging, Maui	Completed February 2008

ATTACHMENT – SUMMARY OF EMERGENCY PROJECTS (continued)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Status</u>
Drainage Improvements at Individual Homes in Manoa, Oahu	
2750 Puuhonua Street	Construction Start December 2007 Estimated Completion March 2008
2718/2726 Puuhonua Street	Construction Start February 2008 Estimated Completion April 2008
2577 Sonoma Street	Pending Construction Estimated Start March 2008
Dispersion Channels at Round Top Drive/Manoa, Oahu	Pending Construction Estimated Start May 2008
Round Top Drive Phase II & Maunalaha Slope Restoration, Oahu	Construction Start September 2007 Estimated Completion April 2008
Maunalaha Stream Restoration, Oahu	Construction Start September 2007 Estimated Completion April 2008
Anahola Slope Erosion Mitigation, Kauai	Construction Start July 2007 Re-Design Burials Discovered
Hanapepe Culvert Repairs, Kauai	Construction Start January 2008 Estimated Completion April 2008
Waikaea Boat Ramp Emergency Dredging, Kauai	Construction Start April 2008 Estimated Completion July 2008
Alexander Dam Emergency Spillway Repairs, Kauai (Private Kauai Coffee)	Construction Start August 2006 Estimated Completion March 2008
Elua Dam Emergency Spillway Repairs, Kauai (Private Kauai Coffee)	Construction Start March 2008 Estimated Completion May 2008
Makaua Stream Restoration and Debris Removal, Oahu	Under Design Estimated Bid Opening April 2008
Wailapa Stream/Kilauea River Debris Removal, Kauai	Under Design Estimated Bid Opening August 2008

**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 788 SD2
A BILL RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF**

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

**MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT G. F. LEE
DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE**

MARCH 27, 2008

Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

I am Major General Bob Lee, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense, and I am providing testimony on Senate Bill 788 SD2.

We support Senate Bill 788 SD2 as it will allow the State to continue restorative work in and around the Wailapa Stream vicinity Kilauea, Kauai area by extending the appropriations made under Act 118, SLH 2006.

The proposed bill will allow the State Department of Land and Natural Resources to use federal funds made available under the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP). About \$4 million was appropriated by Congress to restore stream banks damaged by the 2006 Kaloko Dam failure at a federal-state cost share of 75-25 percent. Other areas covered by the EWPP include the Makaua Stream, vicinity Ka'a'awa, Oahu.

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