

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1080
A BILL FOR RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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Chair Hanohano and Committee Members:

I am Ed Teixeira, Acting Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing testimony in support of House Bill 1080.

House Bill 1080 strengthens the provisions of HRS Chapter 128 by clarifying that any compensation received by owners or operators of a hospital, care home, healthcare agency of any type, and educational institutions from patients, residents, and students under their care is not considered compensation for the purposes of section 128-19.

Your support of House Bill 1080 will provide health care facilities and private education institutions the opportunity to be designated as private emergency shelters by the Director of Civil Defense. Where appropriate, the designation will provide the owners or operators of these facilities immunity from liability. For this to occur, section 128-19 requires that private shelter be made available without compensation. We are currently conducting surveys of condominium buildings and recommend that the proposed bill also include condominium facilities and or condominium associations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of an important emergency preparedness initiative.

Are there any questions?