

Revised
Testimony

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1713 HD2
A BILL RELATING TO HAZARDS

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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Chair Espero and Committee Members:

I am Ed Teixeira, Acting Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing a revised testimony supporting the intent of House Bill 1713 HD2.

We appreciate the intent of the proposed bill. We also appreciate that respective Legislative committees to date have acted on our recommendations and made amendments to the bill as reflected in HD2.

I respectfully request that the committee amend the proposed bill by including language to extend the remaining appropriations under Act 78, SLH 2007 Regular Session, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Act 78 appropriations are being used for the 2006 Kiholo Bay Earthquake Disaster recovery effort. According to the Act, all unexpended funds will lapse on June 30, 2009. The balance of the appropriations is \$10,806,131. We expect to expend or encumber about \$2,563,606 of the funds by June 30, 2009, leaving a projected balance of \$8,242,525. We need another year to complete various earthquake repair and restoration projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony that supports the intent of this measure. Are there any questions?