

# LATE TESTIMONY

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10  
REQUESTING THE ADJUTANT GENERAL TO IDENTIFY THE LOCATION OF EVERY PUBLIC  
SAFE ROOM IN HAWAII PROVIDING SUITABLE SHELTER FROM VOG AND DEVELOP PLANS  
TO ESTABLISH SUCH SAFE ROOM IN ADDITIONAL AREAS THAT NEED THEM

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

BY

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March 3, 2009

Chair McKelvey, Chair Hanohano, and Committee Members:

I am Bob Lee, Adjutant General and Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony on House Concurrent Resolution 10.

We support the intent of the proposed resolution. We also appreciate that members of the House of Representatives are concerned over the sulfur dioxide hazard and other volcanic hazards caused by the Kilauea Volcano.

The Department of Defense is prepared to identify the location of public safe rooms that provide suitable shelter from vog. We are also prepared to coordinate plans to establish safe rooms in areas that need them. We believe, however, that the language of the resolution should be amended to request that the identification of public safe rooms including the development of plans to establish additional safe rooms be limited to the County of Hawaii.

The Department of Defense remains committed to statewide multi-hazard mitigation, to include volcanic hazard exposure. We will continue to review requests for FEMA mitigation grant funding especially for projects that reduce the volcanic hazard risk to people and to property.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony that supports the intent of this resolution.