

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1568
A BILL MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

BY

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Chair Hanohano and Committee Members:

I am Bob Lee, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony on House Bill 1568 which appropriates funds to the Department of Defense to assist the American Red Cross with needed capitol improvement projects.

The Hawaii Chapter of the American Red Cross is an organization that stands ready to provide disaster services to our residents any day of the year. It is an organization that serves an important role in State and county disaster response and recovery operations. It is an organization that requires funding support to ensure that its facilities are hardened from the effects of natural and man-made hazards.

The Department of Defense supports the intent of this measure as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Biennium Budget for Fiscal Years 2009-2010.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony supporting the intent of House Bill 1568.