

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2549
A BILL RELATING TO A MAJOR DISASTER TRUST ACCOUNT

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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Chair Hanohano and Committee Members:

I am Ed Teixeira, Vice Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing testimony in support of House Bill 2549.

House Bill 2549 establishes a Major Disaster Trust Account for the deposit of Federal disaster assistance grant reimbursements as these are received by the State Department of Defense for eligible emergency response and recovery costs. The establishment of a Major Disaster Trust Account will ensure that Federal disaster assistance grant reimbursements do not lapse at the end of the fiscal year into the General Fund of the State. This will also ensure that these moneys remain available to support disaster response and recovery operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of an important disaster management initiative.

We urge the Committee to pass this measure.

Are there any questions?