

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 130
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF REQUIRING ALL RETAIL
GASOLINE STATIONS IN THE STATE TO BE PRE-WIRED FOR ELECTRICAL
GENERATORS

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

BY

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT G. F. LEE
DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

March 18, 2010

Chair Hanohano and Committee members:

I am Major General Bob Lee, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution 130 because we believe that an analysis and report on the installation of transfer switches at gasoline stations will require funding support and more time to complete.

We recognize that the proposed resolution addresses an important step in disaster preparedness but funding and more time are needed to conduct a survey, analysis, and to prepare a credible report.

At a minimum, we recommend that the resolution be amended requesting that the Civil Defense Division report its findings and recommendation to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony that opposes this resolution.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 9:03 PM
To: PBStestimony
Subject: HCR 130/HR 71

Chair Hanohano, Vice-Chair Aquino and Members of PBS,

I am writing to you to vote in favor of HCR 130/HR 71, "REQUESTING THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF REQUIRING ALL RETAIL GASOLINE STATIONS IN THE STATE TO BE PRE-WIRED FOR ELECTRICAL GENERATORS." In light of Hurrican Katrina, it is vital that gasoline is provided both during and after a natural disaster to ensure that the public faces as little distress as possible. A report analyzing the possibility of developing such a system is a step in the right direction for the State of Hawaii. So once again please vote in favor of HCR 130/HR 71.

Sincerely,
Brian Tokuuke

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Aquino and members of PBS,

I am in strong support of HCR 130/HR 71.

Throughout the last 2 years, Hawai'i has had thunder storms, hurricane warning, earthquakes, and a tsunami warning. As soon as the news is out that these disasters are possibly heading our way, everyone runs to the stores and gas stations in which lines are backed up for hours.

My mother-in-law lives in Hilo and when there is a tsunami warning or a hurricane she flees to the country. I worry that in the case that the power goes out and she does not have enough gas to flee to higher ground, with no generator hooked up at gas stations she will not be able to escape. This also goes for anyone who may live near the ocean who may have to flee.

I view this resolution as a precautionary measure in case of a disaster and I really think it's a good idea and should be looked into implementing

Please consider it.

Mahalo,

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