

# SB 2054

**Measure Title:**

RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE

**Report Title:**

Civil Defense; Statewide Communications Interoperability  
Coordinator

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2054  
A BILL RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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Chair Espero and Committee Members:

I am Major General Bob Lee, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing testimony in support of Senate Bill 2054.

Senate Bill 2054 establishes within the State Civil Defense Agency a Statewide Communications Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC). Creating this SWIC function recognizes the importance and complexity of multi-jurisdictional collaboration and partnerships among our many public safety agencies to achieve effective voice and data communications during routine and emergency situations. This function will provide the continuity and sustained leadership to coordinate and manage strategic and operational planning among federal, state, and county public emergency response and law enforcement agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of an important emergency preparedness initiative. Your support for Senate Bill 2054 will help build a strong public safety communications program in Hawaii. We urge the Committee to pass this measure.

Are there any questions?