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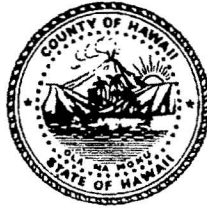
To: House Judiciary Committee

RE: SB 898 SD2, scheduled for hearing at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22

Please accept this faxed testimony from Mayor Billy Kenoi,
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January 22, 2010

Honorable Jon Riki Karamatsu, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 302
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha, Chair Karamatsu and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to propose an amendment to Senate Bill 898 Senate Draft 2, RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE.

County of Hawai'i proposes that the language in Section 128-19 Hawai'i Revised Statutes be broadened to make the bill applicable to natural and man-made disasters.

Currently this law provides civil liability protection to shelter operators only in cases of "an actual, impending, mock or practice attack..." We respectfully suggest the current language in the law be expanded to provide civil liability protection to shelter operators designated by director of civil defense "during an actual, impending mock or practice attack, natural disaster or man-made disaster...."

Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

William P. Kenoi
MAYOR