

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 898 SD 2
A BILL RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

BY
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Chair Karamatsu and Committee Members:

I am Bob Lee, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing testimony in support of Senate Bill 898 SD2.

Senate Bill 898 SD2 strengthens the provisions of HRS Chapter 128 by clarifying that any compensation received by owners or operators of transient lodging facilities (hotels), hospitals, care homes, healthcare agencies of any type, and educational institutions from guests, patients, residents, and students under their care is not considered compensation for the purposes of section 128-19.

Your support of Senate Bill 898 SD2 will provide health care facilities and private education institutions the opportunity to be designated as private emergency shelters by the Director of Civil Defense. Where appropriate, the designation will provide the owners or operators of these facilities immunity from liability. For this to occur, section 128-19 requires that private shelter be made available without compensation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of an important emergency preparedness initiative.

Are there any questions?