



*Maui Hotel & Lodging*  
ASSOCIATION

Testimony of  
**Carol Reimann**  
Executive Director  
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on  
**SB898 SD2**  
**Relating to the Civil Defense**

House Committee on Public Safety  
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The Maui Hotel & Lodging Association (MHLA) is the legislative arm of Maui's Visitor Industry. Our membership includes approximately 120 property and allied business members – all of whom have an interest in the visitor industry.

During emergencies and disasters, MHLA and many of our partners in the visitor industry take an active role in Civil Defense. We are a part of the EOC process and work closely with government and other agencies during these times of need. Additionally, many of our properties are earmarked during times when Civil Defense is activated to provide shelter for residents and visitors.

MHLA supports SB898 SD2 which will ultimately exempt civil liability for visitor industry properties when these properties are used for sheltering purposes during emergencies & disasters.

We urge you to support this legislation. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Carol Reimann  
Executive Director