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**Senate Committee on Health**

**SB 1538 SD 1, Relating to Dialysis Center Emergency Planning**

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Interim Director of Health**

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the intent of this measure with  
2 reservations.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** Undetermined.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** While we support the intent of the bill, we must defer on the fiscal  
5 implications of a potential appropriation to DOH until the Executive Biennium Budget is finalized. This  
6 measure would require the Department of Health and Hawaii State Civil Defense (SCD) to carry out and  
7 to report progress in implementing the statewide dialysis emergency plan produced by a task force  
8 established under the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant administered by the City  
9 and County of Honolulu. About 3,000 people in Hawaii are dependent on regular dialysis treatments  
10 and interruption of these services can be fatal. We support planning for the emergency provision of  
11 water, power and other supplies necessary for the continuation of dialysis treatments in the face of large-  
12 scale disasters. DOH is actively participating in the MMRS task force to develop the statewide dialysis  
13 emergency plan. The state plan has not been finalized yet, and we do not know the expected date of  
14 completion.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1538 S.D. 1  
A BILL RELATING TO HEALTH

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL WONG  
DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

March 18, 2011

Chair Yamane and Committee Members:

I am Major General Darryll Wong, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony on Senate Bill 1538 S.D. 1.

We support the intent of the proposed bill which directs both the Department of Health and the State Civil Defense Agency to implement the statewide dialysis emergency plan developed by a task force under the City and County of Honolulu Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) so long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities established in the Executive Biennium Budget Request.

State Civil Defense continues to take an active interest in the welfare and safety of residents with end state renal disease during emergencies and welcomes the opportunity to address the recommendations and tasks the statewide dialysis emergency plan may provide.

We recommend that the language of the proposed bill be revised in SECTION 2 to include the City and County of Honolulu MMRS and other health organizations as appropriate in the implementation of the statewide dialysis emergency plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill 1538 S.D. 1.