

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 314 HD1
A BILL RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

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Chair Oshiro and Committee members:

I am Edward Teixeira, Acting Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony in opposition to House Bill 314 HD1.

We oppose House Bill 314 HD1 because the proposed bill establishes an office of disaster preparedness and disaster preparedness commission within an undesignated department for the purpose of developing a comprehensive disaster preparedness plan for the State of Hawaii. The proposed bill, if passed, will duplicate ongoing emergency preparedness functions and planning performed by the State Civil Defense Division and other State and county agencies.

If this proposal is passed, there will be considerable cost implications generated by creating a new office of the director of disaster preparedness including support for a disaster preparedness commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony that opposes this bill.