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Hon. Will Espero, Chair, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations, and Military Affairs:

Feb. 14, 2012

My name is Lillian Y. Lim and I am providing written testimony in support of Senate Bill 2146. I am a retired Judge of the California Superior Court and since my retirement a resident of the wonderful State of Hawaii. I have spent my professional career as a lawyer, judge and soon-to-be mediator/arbitrator involved in Legislative solutions and working with Legislators in addressing community needs.

I urge your support of a multi-agency task force in evaluating and recommending any needed changes to the laws that provide the structure for how the state government responds to natural and other emergencies. As you already know, it is always a good thing and good governance to objectively reassess from time to time whether the current legislative framework is the most effective way to address changing circumstances, needs, new technologies and the interplay between our civil defense and the current structure of federal and other State responses to crises. I respectfully urge your support of SB 2146.

LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony on Senate Bill 2146 A Bill Relating to Emergency Management

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

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HONORABLE WILL ESPERO, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Creighton W. Goldsmith, and I am providing written testimony in support of Senate Bill 2146.

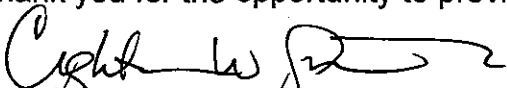
The proposed bill establishes a multi-agency task force to determine whether Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapters 127 and 128 should be amended, repealed, or added to in order to ensure the emergency preparedness of this State are adequate in reducing our vulnerability to natural and man-made hazards, and to respond and recover effectively to emergencies and disasters. Chapters 127 and 128 provide the authorities, responsibilities, and framework for the civil defense system in the State of Hawaii and are based on the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950.

In view of the natural and man-made hazards that can affect Hawaii and our communities, our civil defense laws and system should be based on contemporary federal laws for emergency management, policies for Homeland Security, and the best-practices from other states. A serious review of Chapters 127 and 128 by a task force will provide recommendations for a modern and improved civil defense system for the State of Hawaii.

Emergency response agencies statewide and the communities they serve will benefit from the task force findings and recommendations.

I urge you and your committee to show your continued support for our dedicated civil defense and public safety officials at the State and county government levels by passing Senate Bill 2146.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of this bill.


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