

# **GM 580**

**Report Title:**

**Civil Defense Advisory Council**

**Measure Title:**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the  
Civil Defense Advisory Council, Gubernatorial  
Nominee, DOMINADOR COLOMA, for a term to expire  
6-30-2014.**

TESTIMONY  
OF  
DOMINADOR L. COLOMA  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
ON  
FEBRUARY 26, 2013  
G.M. 580

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Civil Defense Advisory Council,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, DOMINADOR L. COLOMA, for a term to expire June 30, 2014.

Chair Espero and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide  
my written testimony.

I want to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me. I truly consider this as  
an honor and a privilege to be considered as a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

I would like to express my mahalo to everyone who submitted letters of support on my  
behalf and to everyone in attendance providing me their support and aloha.

I am dedicated and committed to public service. I served in the Hawaii County Fire  
Department for 25 years and retired as a Deputy Fire Chief.

While employed with the Hawaii County Fire Department, I served in different positions  
from Fire Fighter, Fire Equipment Operator, special assignment with the State Airports Division

as Crash Fire Rescue Instructor covering all airports within the State of Hawaii. As a Fire Lieutenant, I was in charge of Volunteer Fire Fighters in Hawaii County. I also served as the Fire Department Liaison to the Hawaii County Civil Defense. In my capacity as Fire Captain, I became the Central Station Commander in charge which provided opportunities and additional responsibilities from me such as the commander over the Medical Response Unit. Hawaii County was the first Fire Department to implement Emergency Medical Service in the State of Hawaii. I, among other members of the department attended the first Emergency Medical Technicians course at Queen's Medical Center. Upon completion of our training, we were nationally certified as Emergency Medical Technicians {EMT's}. This provided the residents and visitors alike with quality medical services by immediate response and action. I was also the Public Information officer who was the initial responder to public requests, providing on-going information to the general public, and news media. Also within my capacity, I worked closely with other governmental agencies and departments to ensure the safety of all through preplanning, preparation, communication, to ensure that first responders were in place and should the need arise, incident command was established. I am a member of the Hawaii Fire Chief's Association.

I was certified as a Red Cross Instructor Trainer for Instructor trainers in the community and private sectors. This enhanced my skills as a communicator and being able to provide quality service to the general public. I recently participated in workshops and training exercises, particularly the tsunami evacuation for Keaukaha Elementary School.

I am involved with the International Association of Lions Clubs, due to their involvement with the community in providing public service projects and service to humanity. I have been a member of the Akaka Falls Lions club for the past 17 years. In the past three years, we were

involved with the Weinberg Foundation and we were able to procure \$10,000 dollars each, for three public service organizations here in Hilo. I am currently the President of our club.

I have the courage and commitment to move things forward. My ability to cope with difficulties is one of my greatest asset and being “cool” under fire are part of my comfort zone.

I am taking this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to address some of your questions and concerns. I look forward to your assistance in completing my confirmation to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

Sincerely

Dominador [Don] Coloma

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE 580  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO  
THE CIVIL DEFENSE ADVISORY COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
DOMINADOR COLOMA FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014

PRESENTATION TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG  
ADJUTANT GENERAL  
February 26, 2013

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, Director of State Civil Defense State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony in support of GM 580, which considers and confirms Mr. Dominador Coloma to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

State Civil Defense **supports** the nomination of Mr. Dominador Coloma to serve as a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Board.

Mr. Coloma retired in 1989 as Deputy Chief of the Hawaii County Fire Department after 26 years of service. As the Deputy Chief, he directed the daily operations of the department. During his tenure, successfully implemented the Incident Command System in the department. After his retirement, he served as a coordinator and instructor for the Fire Science Program at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. He is active in Lions Club activities and currently serves as the president of the Akaka Falls Lions Club. Mr. Coloma will be a valuable asset as the Island of Hawaii representative on the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

We urge your committee to recommend Senate confirmation on the appointment of Mr. Dominador Coloma to a term as a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

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

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE 580  
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PRESENTATION TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MR. DOUG MAYNE  
VICE DIRECTOR OF STATE CIVIL DEFENSE  
February 26, 2013

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

I am Doug Mayne, Vice Director of State Civil Defense. I am providing written testimony in support of GM 580 to confirm Mr. Dominador Coloma to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

Mr. Coloma's first responder background will be an important addition to the Civil Defense Advisory Council. He served in the Hawaii County Fire Department for over 26 years; retiring in as the Deputy Chief. As the Deputy Chief, he directed the daily island wide operations of the department. He headed the team that implemented the Incident Command System in the department. After his retirement in 1989, he became the coordinator and instructor for the Fire Science Program at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Mr. Coloma's first responder experience can only benefit the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

I ask your committee to confirm Mr. Dominador Coloma to a term as a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Mr. Coloma.

**RICHARD K. MINATOYA**

TESTIMONY  
ON  
GM 580 - NOMINATION OF DOMINADOR COLOMA  
CIVIL DEFENSE ADVISORY COUNCIL

February 26, 2013

The Honorable Will Espero

Chair

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker

Vice Chair

and Members

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

I am Richard Minatoya, and I serve as the Maui County member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council. I STRONGLY SUPPORT GM 580, the nomination of DOMINADOR COLOMA to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

I first met Mr. Coloma when he was appointed to the Civil Defense Advisory Council as an interim member. I found Mr. Coloma to be very personable and conscientious. With his background in the administration of the *Hawaii County Fire Department*, he brings much valued first responder/"front-line" experience to the Council.

I ask that the committee recommends CONFIRMATION to the full Senate.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.