

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 89 / HOUSE RESOLUTION 71
REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE CIVIL DEFENSE TO CONDUCT A STUDY
REGARDING WHAT ACTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN PEOPLE REFUSE TO LEAVE
THEIR HOMES OR CLOSE THEIR BUSINESSES LOCATED IN EVACUATION ZONES
DURING NATURAL DISASTERS

PRESENTATION TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG
ADJUTANT GENERAL
April 5, 2013

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Har, and Members of the Committee.

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, State Adjutant General. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of House Concurrent Resolution 89 / House Resolution 71.

The requested study will provide a closer look at the challenges faced by the county's first responders who deal with the people who refuse to leave their homes or close their businesses located in evacuation zones during natural disasters. The study should provide possible solutions to these difficult situations. There may be a need for new state or county laws to implement these recommended solutions. This study can only benefit the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

SUBJECT: H.C.R. 89/H.R. 71 Testimony of Support

I am Melvin Kaku, Director of the Department of Emergency Management (DEM), City and County of Honolulu.

DEM supports H.C.R. 89/H.R. 71 which requests the Hawaii State Civil Defense to conduct a study regarding what actions should be taken when people refuse to leave their homes or close their businesses located in evacuation zones during natural disasters. I urge your committee to support and pass H.C.R. 89/H.R.71. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


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