

SB 680

RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY.

Enacts a homeland security law to establish a state homeland security office within the department of defense and authorize the establishment of county organizations for homeland security.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 680
A BILL RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY

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

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG
ADJUTANT GENERAL
January 29, 2013

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

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, State Adjutant General. I am testifying in FAVOR of Senate Bill 680.

SB 680 will strengthen Homeland Security in Hawaii by codifying functions we are already performing and consolidating them in one office that reports to the Homeland Security Advisor to the Governor (one of the important hats I wear as the Adjutant General).

SB 680 establishes the Office of Homeland Security in the State Department of Defense. The state Office of Homeland Security will take over and strengthen a number of programs that State Civil Defense has been running since 2001, including grant management, critical infrastructure protection and processing security clearances for local and state government. The Hawaii State Fusion Center will now come under the Office of Homeland Security.

SB 680 provides a legislative basis for performing tasks and missions that we are already doing. This bill will allow us to organize more efficiently and move personnel from State Civil Defense into this new structure to provide better support to the people of Hawaii. Establishing the Office of Homeland Security requires no additional funding – personnel and office space already exist within SCD and DOD.

I strongly urge you to pass SB 680 as written.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Are there any questions?

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Comments: Submitting testimony as a private citizen, business owner and as Chair of the State Civil Defense Advisory Council

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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Chair Will Espero, Vice Chair Rosalyn Baker and Committee Members

Public Hearing, January 29, 2013, 2:50 p.m., Conference Room 224, State Capitol

TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM F. ANONSEN
CIVIL DEFENSE ADVISORY COUNCIL
IN SUPPORT OF SB 680
ESTABLISHES A HOMELAND SECURITY OFFICE

My name is William F. Anonsen, the Managing Partner/Principal of The Maritime Group, and the Chair of the State Civil Defense Advisory Council. I would like to express my personal unequivocally support for consideration of SB 680 and its passage which would establish the Office of Homeland Security in the State Department of Defense and help foster security cooperation between federal, state, county and private sector partners. This measure would provide the necessary statutory authority to help support a comprehensive program that provides security for our citizens, critical infrastructure, and economic vitality from the increasing possibility of terrorist or man-made threats.

The passage of this bill serves to strengthen Homeland Security initiatives and programs in Hawaii by codifying administrative and operational functions the state is currently performing, and consolidating them into a single office. This action will provide more efficient organizational structure that is needed to ensure our remote island state is best prepared to respond and protect our citizens, and support the efforts of state and county agencies.

Homeland Security is a top priority for the State of Hawaii, given our isolation and our vulnerability to a myriad of potential threats both natural and man-made. On behalf of the members of the Civil Defense Council, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration on this bill.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify and comment on SB 680

Sincerely,

William F. Anonsen

William F. Anonsen
Managing Partner/Principal
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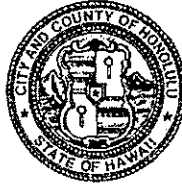
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The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
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Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental
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State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero and Members:

SUBJECT: S.B. 680 Relating to Homeland Security

The Department of Emergency Management, City and County of Honolulu, strongly supports S.B. 680.

S.B. 680 provides a legislative basis for performing missions and tasks that we are already performing when members of our community are faced with a natural or man-made hazard incident. This bill allows the State to organize more efficiently to support our counties, communities, and citizens through the establishment of the Office of Homeland Security in the State Department of Defense. Through consolidating office functions that the state is already performing and codifying roles and responsibilities, the Office of Homeland Security will further strengthen the State's Homeland Security program.

S.B. 680 also authorizes but does not require the counties to establish local offices of homeland security. For the City and County of Honolulu, the Department of Emergency Management already performs these homeland security missions and tasks. Therefore, to recognize that the City's Department of Emergency Management is performing this role and responsibilities, it is requested that "Paragraph 5 County organizations for homeland security" last sentence be amended to read "If a county does not establish a separate organization for homeland security, the functions listed in section - 4 shall be incorporated into the responsibilities of the county civil defense agency/City and County of Honolulu, Department of Emergency Management."

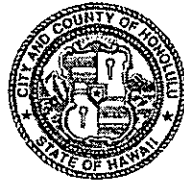
I urge your committee to support and pass S.B. 680 with our proposed amendment language.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Melvin N. Kaku in black ink.
Melvin N. Kaku
Director

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Dear Chair Espero and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 680, Relating to Homeland Security

I am Gerald Kaneshiro, Captain of the Major Events Division, Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department supports Senate Bill No. 680, Relating to Homeland Security. Establishing a state homeland security office and authorizing the counties to create organizations for homeland security will provide unified planning among the various state and county agencies and a more efficient and comprehensive approach toward threats in our isles.

Consolidating the homeland security functions that the State is currently performing and codifying the roles and responsibilities will also facilitate interagency operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I urge your committee to support and pass Senate Bill No. 680.

Sincerely,


GERALD KANESHIRO, Captain
Major Events Division

APPROVED BY:


LOUIS M. KEALOHA
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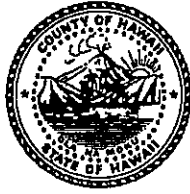
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January 28, 2013

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
State of Hawaii

Dear Senator Espero,

I would like to submit this letter of testimony in favor of Senate Bill 680 and request your consideration and support with the passage of this measure. As proposed, Senate Bill 680 provides for the following:

- Current and contemporary statute language that establishes the legislative basis for performing tasks and missions that the emergency management community at the State and County levels is presently performing. The proposed language would align our state's statutes with nationally recognized emergency management principles and organizational structure.
- Authorizes (but does not require) the counties to establish local offices of homeland security.
- Allows the state to organize more efficiently to support the citizens and the counties.
- Establishes the Office of Homeland Security in the State Department of Defense.
- Strengthens Homeland Security in Hawaii by codifying functions the state is already performing and consolidating them in one office.

I would like to thank for this opportunity to provide you with this written testimony and strongly encourage and request your support and passage of this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darryl Oliveira".

Darryl Oliveira, Acting Administrator
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RICHARD K. MINATOYA

TESTIMONY

ON

SB 680 - RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY

January 29, 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 a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council.
I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB 680, Relating to Homeland Security.

SB 680 codifies homeland security functions already being performed by the State Department of Defense and State Civil Defense by establishing an Office of Homeland Security in the State Department of Defense. Functions currently being handled will be consolidated into one office, at no additional cost to the State, resulting in a more effective homeland security system to support the counties and citizens of this state.

I ask that the committee PASS SB 680 AS IS.

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

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During my 20+ year career as a California law enforcement officer and manager, I can attest to the value of a single state agency managing the entirety of Homeland Security disciplines. For many years, the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) provided emergency management coordination to California's 58 counties. While this provided for effective planning and management during cooperative emergency responses, each county and municipality competed with each other for limited federal Homeland Security funds. Interagency planning and coordination for the protection of critical infrastructure assets was negligible, often with multiple agencies developing competing plans for a single asset.

In 2008, California merged OES and the fledgling Governor's Office of Homeland Security into a single agency. The California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) is now the single focal point for all statewide emergency management matters. Coordination between the state and federal counterparts due to having similar structure, plans and programs permits a rapid response in the event that federal resources are required. This manner of organization has numerous advantages for the State of California, as I anticipate it will for the State of Hawaii.

Duplicating the structure and responsibilities of the US Department of Homeland Security at the state level permits seamless integration of critical infrastructure protection, emergency planning, and emergency response funding, programs and resources. Similarly, this provides a single focal point for application and disbursement of federal Homeland Security grant funds, as opposed to multiple competing agencies within the state.

I encourage the Legislature to adopt SB680 and establish the State of Hawaii Department of Homeland Security.

Eric Broughton

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