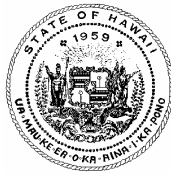


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February 19, 2013

**TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

For Hearing on Thursday, February 21, 2013
9:00 a.m., Conference Room 211

BY
BARBARA A. KRIEG, DIRECTOR

Senate Bill No. 680
Relating to Homeland Security

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TO CHAIRPERSON DAVID IGE AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of SB 680 is to establish a homeland security office within the Department of Defense.

The Department of Human Resources Development has **comments** regarding the appointment of an administrator of homeland security. We recommend that the following language be used to replace the language on page 4, lines 14 through 17, to clarify that the administrator of homeland security shall be exempt from civil service:

“The director shall appoint an administrator of homeland security, who shall be exempt from chapter 76, who shall be subject to removal by the director, and who shall receive such compensation as the director may determine.”

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

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February 19, 2013

The Honorable David Ige, Chair
Committee on Ways and Means
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 215
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ige:

Subject: S.B. 680 Relating to Homeland Security

I am Robert Westerman, Vice Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The SFC and the KFD support S.B. 680, which seeks to establish a homeland security office to provide a comprehensive program to protect our citizens, infrastructure, and government from terrorism and threat of attack.

S.B. 680 will establish the Office of Homeland Security within the State Department of Defense and will provide uniform planning among the various state and county agencies. It will codify functions the state is already performing and consolidate them in one office. It will also allow the state to organize more efficiently to support the citizens and the counties in their efforts to prepare and train for tasks and missions related to terrorist events.

The SFC and the KFD urge your committee's support on the passage of S.B. 680.

Should you have any questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7151 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

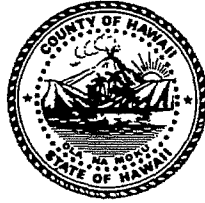
Sincerely,


for ROBERT WESTERMAN
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February 20, 2013

Senator David Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State of Hawaii

Dear Senator Ige,

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 as written.

Sincerely,

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

Darryl Oliveira, Acting Administrator
County of Hawaii Civil Defense Agency



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Comments: This legislation provides for overdue streamlining of the state's Homeland Security functions. Please pass this bill.

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