



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 680  
A BILL RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY

PRESENTATION TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAY AND MEANS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG  
ADJUTANT GENERAL  
February 21, 2013

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Ways and Means 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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February 21, 2013

**Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

Chair Sen. David Ige, Vice Chair Sen. Michelle Kidani and Committee Members  
Public Hearing, February 21, 2013, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 221, 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 unequivocal 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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cc: MG Darryll Wong, Adjutant General

Testimony in favor of SB 680, Relating to Homeland Security

To: Hawai'i State Senate Ways and Means Committee

From: Jan TenBruggencate

Aloha Chair Sen. Ige, Vice-Chair Sen. Kidani and members,

I urge your support for SB 680, which will help consolidate our state's homeland security and anti-terrorism functions through the establishment of a state Department of Homeland Security and county homeland security agencies.

As a nominee for the Kaua'i seat on the state Civil Defense Advisory Council, I have had the opportunity to be briefed on this measure, and find that it will help facilitate our community's effective response to threats of various kinds.

Thanks for your time and your service,

Jan TenBruggencate

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February 21, 2013

**The Honorable Senator David Ige and Senator Michelle Kidani**  
And the Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
State Capitol, Room 224  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: SB680 Relating to Homeland Security**

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

**I am writing In Support of SB680.**

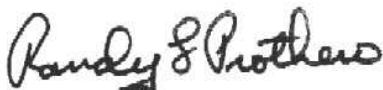
I am a member of the State Civil Defense Advisory Committee, but testifying as an individual.

I believe this bill is needed to assist the state in restructuring State Civil Defense. Currently that department is wearing many hats and while doing a wonderful job, needs to be more specialized and focused. Issues of homeland security are quite different than those of natural disasters, with different requirements and needs. Processing of security clearances is among the differing tasks that should be separated from the current State Civil Defense agency. I believe that a restructuring is needed. This bill would also allow the counties to do a similar restructuring if they chose.

With Hawaii being a tourist destination for people from all over the world and having such a large military presence, we can be a target for terrorist activities and as such need to maintain a high level of preparedness. I believe this bill will assist the state better carrying out that task.

Thank you in advance for your support of this bill. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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**SB680**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments: I am the Maui County member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council. I believe that SB 680 brings must need revisions and modernization to our homeland security system in our state. Please pass this bill.

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