

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 80 / SENATE RESOLUTION 47
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
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG
ADJUTANT GENERAL
April 10, 2013

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, State Adjutant General. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of Senate Concurrent Resolution 80 / Senate Resolution 47.

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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Comments: Dear Honorable Senator Hee and Committee members, Approximately 64 percent of Hawaii households have a pet. A Zogby International poll found that 61 percent of pet owners will not evacuate if they cannot bring their pets with them, and as I witnessed first hand during Hurricane Katrina and other natural disasters. While our state emergency response plan complies with the federal Pet Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act in allowing pets and service animals to be included in response plans, it is still undetermined exactly how this will be carried out and what percentage of pet owning residents may refuse to evacuate if their pet is unable to accompany them. In addition, there are hundreds of homeless persons on the West Side of Oahu and in other areas that have pets (earlier surveys suggests as many as 90 percent of homeless have pets in some areas) and their refusal to evacuate due to their pet and lack of transportation for their pet. We respectfully request your consideration of including pet owners living in residential areas and homeless persons with pets living in evacuation/inundation zones in the proposed study. Our organization would be happy to provide any assistance to State Civil Defense in this matter. Aloha, Inga Gibson Hawaii State Director The Humane Society of the United States

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