

SB 2147

RELATING TO SAFETY.

Creates and implements a silver alert program to alert the public of any missing senior citizen with an impaired mental condition, to be operated concurrently with the Maile Amber Alert program.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2147
A BILL RELATING TO SAFETY

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

BY

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Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

I am Doug Mayne, the Vice Director of State Civil Defense. I am testifying in opposition of Senate Bill 2147.

The measure would require the Department of Defense, Civil Defense Division to create a "Silver Alert" program for missing senior citizens, similar to the Maile Amber Alert program for missing children.

We are opposed to SB 2147 for a number of reasons, including:

Unlike children, whose parents can waive confidentiality, senior citizens have privacy rights that should be respected to the greatest extent possible. Senior citizens also have a right to travel on their own. The criteria for posting a Silver Alert as stated in the bill are too vague to justify an encroachment upon a senior's privacy rights without the senior's consent.

- Section 3, paragraph (3) of the bill requires the senior to have "an impaired mental condition." This is not defined and could be interpreted very broadly.
- The impaired mental condition must be documented by "the family, legal guardian, or physician of the missing senior citizen." The term "family" is not defined. Furthermore, a physician may not be able to disclose the senior citizen's medical information due to federal and state privacy laws.

This bill would force the Civil Defense Division to take on a task that is not within their core competency of providing and coordinating emergency management functions for the state.

State Civil Defense has no access, or process to access, the Maile Amber Alert systems in the counties, which are overseen by the respective police departments.

Finally, most of my personnel are funded with federal dollars. Since this is not a mission that supports the grant funding guidance for the use of those dollars, I will need an additional 100% state-funded position to carry out the requirements of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition of SB 2581.

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Marian Grey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: SB2147 This a Bill overdue! Very simple to help families that are trying to take care of seniors that need assistance. Please pass support this one! Thanks, Marian Grey, a Senior Citizen!

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E. Ileina Funakoshi	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dear Chair Espero and Vice Chair Baker and Members of the PSM Committee: RE: SB 2147, Relating to Public Safety, Silver Alert System I am asking for your support of this measure to help locate mentally ill (including Alzheimer/dementia people). No matter how hard a family tries to watch over these type of individuals, they can slip out of the home without being notice. It is so traumatic to locate them, especially when they don't know their names. I believe that Tokita father had his doors bolted to avoid his mentally ill child from leaving which resulted in him and his daughter dying in a fire. I'm asking for your consideration in this matter to help families with who have the arduous task of being caretakers of their parents or family members with such conditions. Mahalo, E. Ileina Funakoshi

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Arvid Tadao Youngquist	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Chair, PSM Committee Right Honorable Members of the Committee SB 2147 envisioned by several co-sponsors & the House/Senate minority caucus, is a measure that merits recommendation of approval. It should be reported out with reflective comments mentioned in the committee report articulated by several stakeholders, i.e., the family members for example. Combining such an alert concurrently with an Amber Alert will make it more cost effective. But if you have reservations on the additional fundings and manpower, perhaps you can affix a "defective date" of June 1, 2015 in lieu of the earlier effective date submitted by the co-sponsors. A pro-active program to promote the safe return of our kupuna with Alzheimer's, is a worthy endeavor, but every program requires funding. The funding which is in short supply. I recommend that the Committee encourage testimony from the AARP, the Kokua Council, the Democratic Party Kupuna Caucus, and the Legislature's Kupuna Caucus. If an amendment is contemplated, perhaps the physically disabled can be added to the mentally disabled, to be more include and reduce can necessity of future revisions. Former Volunteer Testifier for SLC, AARP Former Volunteer Testifier for Capitol City Task Force, AARP Member, of Kupuna Caucus from the Charter Date, together with several of the more active Democratic Party Caucus's. Your affirmative recommendation to the next body will be highly appreciated by this senior citizen. Arvid T. Youngquist Registered Voter, CD1 Hawaii Congressional Dist.

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