

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2305 SD1 HD1
A BILL RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

PRESENTATION TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG
ADJUTANT GENERAL AND DIRECTOR OF STATE CIVIL DEFENSE
March 27, 2014

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, Adjutant General and Director of State Civil Defense. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 2305 SD1 HD1.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and emergency management organizations nationwide are moving toward the whole community approach of disaster response. This whole community approach works toward a collaboration of government, military, commercial and community organizations to respond to natural and other types of disasters.

Community volunteer teams will be a welcomed addition to any disaster response. Team members live in their communities and can quickly provide needed response and recovery support. Their support would be critical if roads were washed out or blocked with debris. These teams will play an important role in their community's recovery.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB 2305 SD1 HD1.

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DOUG MAYNE
VICE DIRECTOR OF STATE CIVIL DEFENSE
March 27, 2014

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

I am Doug Mayne, Vice Director of State Civil Defense. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 2305 SD1 HD1.

This bill supports the core concept of the whole of community approach of disaster response. Emergency management agencies will welcome the support of community volunteer teams. They will provide a needed boost to response and recovery efforts during and after disasters, and help communities recover more quickly.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB 2305 SD1 HD1.

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Dennis Egge	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Chair Luke and Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson: I am advised that I reside in one of the Honolulu County's "unprepared" neighborhoods; I welcome SB 2305's efforts to help us help ourselves in a disaster situation. I sincerely appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony in support and respectfully encourage you to pass this Bill without objection.

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Colonel Stanley Y. Fernandez Sr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In Support of SB2305. There is definite need for a coordinator to be the focus of this emergency training and assembly of volunteer teams during times needed. This bill will allow "standardization" of procedures where all personnel will be on the same page applying emergency coordination, and procedures. In support of SB 2305

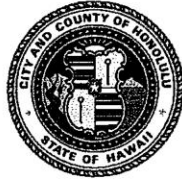
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March 27, 2014

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Luke and Members:

SUBJECT: S.B. 2305 SD1, HD1, Relating to Public Safety

I am Melvin Kaku, Director of the Department of Emergency Management (DEM), City and County of Honolulu (City).

DEM supports SB 2305 SD1, HD1, as it provides community organizations within the State of Hawaii an opportunity to access funds to assist in further developing their individual preparedness and resiliency program.

I urge your committee to support and pass S.B. 2305 SD1, HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melvin N. Kaku".

Melvin N. Kaku
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cc: Ember Lee Shinn, Managing Director

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March 27, 2014

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
State Capitol Room 308
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Luke,

I would like to request your support and passage of Senate Bill 2305 SD1, HD1 relating to Public Safety.

As proposed, Senate Bill 2305 SD1, HD1, will provide much needed and appreciated support and assistance to community organizations within the State of Hawaii that have, and continue to play an integral role in disaster and emergency preparedness and response. These groups and programs such as the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) are critical elements of the local response to disasters. As written SB 2305 SD1, HD1 allows for the coordination of resources and assistance to identify and support effective programs at the County or local level. Given the diversity of our communities across the state, this component of the proposed legislation will allow for more flexibility and will afford each County with the latitude to address community needs and programs in the most effective manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2305 SD1, HD1 and I strongly urge and request your passage of this measure as written.

Thank you,


Darryl Oliveira, Administrator

