

SB 2305

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Makes an appropriation to the state department of defense civil defense division to assemble twenty-five civilian community teams and the hiring of a coordinator to help establish, train, and assist the teams.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2305
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PRESENTATION TO
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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January 30, 2014

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

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

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 welcome 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.

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

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.

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