



LATE TESTIMONY



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**TESTIMONY FOR Chair Will Espero, Vice Chair Rosalyn H. Baker and members
of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**

FROM: Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol Commander

SUBJECT: SB 2305 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

I am Carswell Ross, Government Relations Advisor for the Hawaii wing Civil Air Patrol. We supports the intent of SB 2305, which makes and appropriation to the State Department of Defense, Civil Defense Division to assemble twenty-five civilian community teams and to hire a coordinator to assist in creating a training program for these community volunteers. The members of the CAP have received emergency training from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as one of the partners of the State Civil Defense Division. We welcome the opportunity to continue our partnership through volunteer service to our community.

CAP emergency services are enhanced by the utilization of its 10 aircraft 353 Senior members and 301 Cadets (between the ages of 12 and 18) in the areas of communications, ground search and rescue and disaster damage assessment. The Hawaii Wing Cadet Program has achieved a level of success that is recognized nationally.

I thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony on behalf of the Civil Air Patrol

Sincerely,

//Signed//

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