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**Location:** 309  
**Committee:** House Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** HB 1706 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**Purpose of Bill:** Establishes within DOE the youth civil defense corps. Requires BOE to adopt standards and curriculum for student participation.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) recognizes the intent of HB 1706 and offers comments.

The federal Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is currently administered by the counties (<https://www.honolulu.gov/demvolunteer/cert.html>). CERT training is free. Youth ages 14-17 may attend with a parent or legal guardian. Additionally, schools may arrange for CERT training for their students. High schools, including Campbell, Farrington, Kapaa, Roosevelt and Waimea, have participated in the CERT program. This program, fully developed and implemented, may be considered in lieu of creating and establishing a new Youth Civil Defense Corps program in the Department.

Should this measure pass, the Department is concerned about the potential cost implications and implementation requirements associated with a new start-up youth civil defense corps program, including but not limited to operations, administration, and lack of qualified personnel and expertise.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1706.

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1706  
A BILL RELATING TO EDUCATION

PRESENTATION TO  
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

BY MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN ADJUTANT GENERAL  
AND DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
February 12, 2016

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno, and Members of the House Committee on Education.

I am Major General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in support of the intent of House Bill 1706.

This measure establishes youth civil defense corps within the Department of Education. The proposed organization would be a way to introduce emergency management and resilience to high school students.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of the intent of House Bill 1706.

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BY  
VERN MIYAGI  
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
February 12, 2016

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno, and Members of the House Committee on Education.

I am Vern Miyagi, Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I support the intent of House Bill 1706.

Establishing a youth civil defense corps within the Department of Education would be a part of the State's drive toward community resilience. Course curriculum could run from having students learn about personal evacuation kits to how emergency management agencies work.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of the intent of House Bill 1706.