



SB2702

Measure Title:	RELATING TO SAFETY.
Report Title:	Silver Alert System
Description:	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.
Companion:	
Package:	None
Current Referral:	PSM, WAM
Introducer(s):	SLOM, GREEN, KIM, NISHIHARA, RUDERMAN, SHIMABUKURO, TOKUDA, Chun Oakland, Dela Cruz, Gabbard, Harimoto, Keith-Agaran, Wakai

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2702
A BILL RELATING TO SAFETY

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

BY
MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
February 2, 2016

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

I am Major General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am providing comments about Senate Bill 2702

Under HRS 127A Emergency Management, the counties are the first responders to accidents, emergencies and other events. The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) becomes involved when the counties ask for support.

The proposed Silver Alert program could mirror the existing Maile Amber Alert program run by county police departments. HI-EMA has worked with county agencies during Maile Amber Alerts.

Thank you for allowing me to provide comments about Senate Bill 2702.

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February 2, 2016

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,
and Military Affairs
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2702, Relating to Safety

I am Keith Horikawa, Captain of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

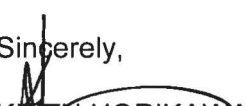
The Honolulu Police Department opposes Senate Bill No. 2702, Relating to Safety.

This bill proposes the implementation of the Silver Alert System, an alert notification system for missing senior citizens similar in scope, impact, and urgency to the Maile Amber Alert System for missing or abducted minors. Current investigative and public notification protocols for missing persons are effective. We do not see the need for a separate alert system for seniors. Due to the frequency of such cases, we feel that the Silver Alert System would desensitize the public to missing person alerts and have a negative secondary impact of weakening the significance and importance of the Maile Amber Alert System.

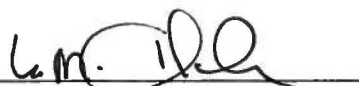
The Honolulu Police Department urges you to oppose Senate Bill No. 2702, Relating to Safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


KEITH HORIKAWA, Captain
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APPROVED:


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