



# SB3061

Measure Title:	RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.
Report Title:	State Department of Defense; Emergency Management Agency; Natural or Human-Caused Disaster; Civilian Community Teams; Appropriation (\$)
Description:	Allows for and appropriates funds for the state department of defense Hawaii emergency management agency to assemble twenty-five civilian community teams to assist communities during emergencies and disasters and to hire a coordinator to help establish, train, and assist the teams.
Companion:	
Package:	None
Current Referral:	PSM, WAM
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STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 3061  
A BILL RELATING TO PUBLIC 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 16, 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 testifying in **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 3061.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and emergency management organizations nationwide have moved 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 and resilience.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 3061.

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February 12, 2016

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental  
and Military Affairs  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 204  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 3061 Relating to Public Safety

I am Socrates Bratakos, Administrator of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Assistant Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support SB 3061, which proposes to allow the State of Hawaii State Department of Defense Emergency Management Agency to provide administrative oversight for 25 civilian community teams and to hire a coordinator to establish the teams and ensure they are properly trained to assist city, state, and federal personnel during natural or human caused disasters, and to appropriate funds.

In the event of a disaster first responders and other government agencies will be taxed to its maximum limits. Establishing and training civilian teams is a proactive measure to assist members of their community who will be in need of assistance.

The SFC and the HFD fully support this measure and urge your committee's passage of SB 3061.

Should you have questions please contact me at 723-7105 or [sbratakos@honolulu.gov](mailto:sbratakos@honolulu.gov).

Sincerely,

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Administrator, State Fire Council

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