

SB 889

RELATING TO THE JOINT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CENTER

Authorizes the director of finance to issue general obligation bonds and appropriates funds to support the development of the joint emergency management center, including planning, land acquisition, and the initial appraisal scope.

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 889
A BILL RELATING TO THE JOINT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CENTER

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

BY
BRIGADIER GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
February 5, 2015

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

I am Brigadier General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 889.

This measure will authorize funding for a new Joint Emergency Management Center (JMEC). This new center would be a state-of-the-art emergency management facility providing opportunities for face-to-face and electronic collaboration between emergency management agencies and their public, private and non-profit partners. The facility must provide for training and meeting spaces that would serve as working spaces for our partners during emergency operations. The requirements for facility hardening, communications and backup systems, and self-sufficiency are paramount.

The State Department of Defense and the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency began working on a JMEC with their partners over two year ago. This working group addressed the concept and requirements. They are at the point of the process to identify possibly locations for the JMEC.

The Mililani Public Safety Tech Park is a location identified in Senate Bill 533. The Mililani location may not be best location for all partners. I ask you consider the following change in this bill.

As written – Section 1. The legislature finds that various public safety and emergency management agencies have expressed an interest to relocate or expand their facilities to one central location. The addition of a joint emergency management center at that central location will provide Hawai'i with the opportunity to bring together several essential agencies and organizations

Proposed language – Section 1. The legislature finds that various public safety and emergency management agencies have expressed an interest in developing a joint emergency management center to increase their collaboration and communication before, during and after disasters. The addition of a joint emergency management center at a central location will bring together several essential agencies and organizations to better protect the people of Hawai'i.

This change will allow the site selection process to continue and insure our partners have input as to their site requirements. This will be a preplanning and feasibility study that determines who should be included, location, anticipated costs, and anticipated scope of the project.

I ask the members of this committee to vote in **SUPPORT** Senate Bill 889 with the change proposed.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this measure.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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PRESENTATION TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
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BY

DOUG MAYNE
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February 4, 2015

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Members of the Committee.

I am Doug Mayne and I am the Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** to SB 889.

Senate Bill 889 authorizes funding for a badly needed Joint Emergency Management Center. Hawaii's current facility for central coordination in emergencies, the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Diamond Head, is almost 100 years old and has only 800 square feet of operational space. This is inadequate for the purpose of a modern EOC, which must house hundreds of people responding collaboratively to disasters. Additionally, the structure of the State EOC, and its location inside Diamond Head Crater, make building additions or reconfiguration of the facility impossible.

During the response to Hurricane Iselle last summer we were forced to put key response staff in buildings outside Diamond Head Crater. The separation of staff restricted our ability to coordinate and communicate. Although the space issue did not severely impact our ability to respond to Hurricane Iselle, it could have if the impacts been more severe.

The State Department of Defense and the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency have been working for over two years on conducting outreach and planning activities with partners interested in pursuing a Joint Emergency Management Center (JEMC), including the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. There are a total of 13 local, state, federal, private sector and non-profit partners interested in occupying space in the JEMC. We have developed gross-order-of-magnitude requirements with the interested agencies and are at a point in the planning process where we need additional funding to explore land acquisition and to conduct detailed plan development.

Our goal is for a purpose-built, state-of-the-art emergency management facility that provides opportunity for close collaboration for emergency management and public safety partners both

on a day-to-day basis and during crises. This facility will need to be protected against both the physical threats from disasters and the increasing threats from cyberattacks. It will be completely self-contained and self-sufficient, including backup systems to ensure continued operations when completely cut off from utilities (water, power, phone and internet). It will also include dual-use space that will normally be used for training and education, but becomes an extension of the State Emergency Operations Center during an emergency. This will ensure the large staff that responds during more damaging disasters can be accommodated within the building.

SB 533 seems to indicate that the JEMC is to be built at the Mililani Public Safety Tech Park. Since this location might not be optimal for all partners, please consider changing the language as proposed below:

As written – Section 1. The legislature finds that various public safety and emergency management agencies have expressed an interest to relocate or expand their facilities to one central location. The addition of a joint emergency management center at that central location will provide Hawai'i with the opportunity to bring together several essential agencies and organizations.

Proposed language – Section 1. The legislature finds that various public safety and emergency management agencies have expressed an interest in developing a joint emergency management center to increase their collaboration and communication before, during and after disasters. The addition of a joint emergency management center at a central location will bring together several essential agencies and organizations to better protect the people of Hawai'i.

I believe the proposed changes will allow us to ensure that all essential partners remain part of the JEMC by building it in a location that works for all.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** to SB 889.

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February 4, 2015

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Committee Members

Public Hearing, February 5, 2015, 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 229, State Capitol

TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM F. ANONSEN
MANAGING PARTNER/PRINCIPAL – THE MARITIME GROUP
SUPPORT OF SB 889

My name is William F. Anonsen, the Managing Partner/Principal of The Maritime Group. I'm writing to express my strong support of SB 889 which would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds to support the development of the joint emergency management center.

A Joint Emergency Management Center will greatly enhance the emergency response capabilities bringing together the collaboration and collective efforts of government agencies and the private sector, sharing information, emergency resources and support to critical incident management and response , recovery coordination activities.

These types of centers focus on the response to and recovery from an incident or natural disaster, to include the critical core functions such as, coordination, communication, resource allocation and tracking, and information collection, analysis and dissemination related to a specific incident. They help form a common operating picture during an incident, provide external coordination to on-scene command, and secure additional needed resources. In addition these all hazards facilities share operational information and other subject matter expertise in support of incident management and response activities.

Your consideration of the favorable passage of this important bill is encouraged.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify and comment on SB 889

Sincerely,

William F. Anonsen

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