

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 732
A MESSAGE RE-APPOINTING MR. SHELDON LEHMAN TO THE HAWAII ADVISORY
COUNCIL ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

BY

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Administrator, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA)

Chair Nishihara and Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members.

Aloha - I am Vern T. Miyagi, Administrator of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA). I am providing testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Mr. Sheldon Lehman's re-appointment to the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management (HACEM). As one of the members representing the Big Island, Mr. Lehman has provided excellent coordination in guiding HI-EMA's efforts in support of the Big Island. He was particularly active during Tropical Storm Iselle and the Puna Lava Flow events in 2014. His background as a first responder on the Big Island further validates his contributions and input. We need him on the HACEM.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Mr. Sheldon Lehman's re-appointment to the HACEM.

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To: Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

From: Galen Yoshimoto

Date: April 11, 2017

Subject: **Governor's Message 732, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Advisory Council on Emergency Management, Gubernatorial Nominee, SHELDON LEHMAN, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.**

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and the members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

I submit this testimony in **support** of the nomination of **SHELDON LEHMAN** to serve another four-year term on the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management.

During my tenure at the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, I had the opportunity to work with Mr. Lehman. He has been an asset on the council and the State of Hawaii.

I ask the committee to recommend the confirmation of Sheldon Lehman for another term on the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of this gubernatorial nomination.

RICHARD K. MINATOYA

TESTIMONY
ON
GM 732 - CONFIRMATION OF SHELDON LEHMAN
HAWAII ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

April 11, 2017

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara
Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai
Vice Chair
and Members
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support GM 732, the confirmation of SHELDON LEHMAN as a member of the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management (“HACEM”).

I am currently the Maui member of HACEM, but I am testifying as a private individual. I worked with Mr. Lehman for several years as a member of HACEM. I truly believe that Mr. Lehman has the knowledge, experience, expertise, and reliability to continue his service as a member of HACEM. He is truly an asset to have as a member.

Accordingly, I request that the committee RECOMMENDS CONFIRMATION to the full Senate.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

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James Tatar	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I would like to recommend Sheldon Lehman to continue serving on this committee as he is still quite active in public service relating to the security and stability of our resources on Hawaii Island and state wide, before and after any impending emergency that occurs. He still serves as volunteer Fire Captain for Hawaiian Acres Volunteer Fire Department. Thank you James Tatar. CERT member Hilo. Assistant CERT instructor for amateur radio WH6EMN.

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Jan TenBruggencate	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Jan TenBruggencate and I serve as the Kaua`i member of the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management. In that capacity I have had the opportunity to serve with Sheldon Lehman. I encourage your support of his reappointment. He has been a valuable resource on behalf of the Big Island, and the state will benefit from his continued service.

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