

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1417 HD1
A BILL RELATING TO WATER

PRESENTATION TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

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Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee.

Aloha - I am Vern T. Miyagi, Administrator of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am supporting the intent of House Bill 1417 HD 1 **as long as it does not replace the Governor's priorities as requested in his executive budget and that the measure can support, in addition to water, the other critical resources needed during a disaster.** I note that HD1 includes the statement "and other critical resources in section 1.

I do sincerely appreciate the measure's recognition and focus on the importance of community resilience and preparedness regarding our water and other critical resources needed during a disaster.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony supporting the intent of House Bill 1417 HD 1, subject to the caveat stated above.

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