

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 604
A BILL RELATING THE MITIGATION OF HAZARDOUS SITUATIONS STATEWIDE

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

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Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee.

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 604.

I support the extension of the lapse date for the mitigation of hazardous situations from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2019. The Department of Defense received \$1M to mitigate hazardous situations. The DOD thus far has acknowledged 604 cases, closed 517 cases with 87 cases pending. Majority of the cases closed as a result of mediation efforts coordinated by HI-EMA between the complainant and land owner. Tree removal contracts for 16 cases (\$309K) done or in progress; Arborist reports (\$75K). Total obligated/expended (\$384K); remaining \$616K to be obligated/expended.

Additionally, we request the authorization of one full time equivalent position to administer the program.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 604.