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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 955 HD1
A BILL RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY HAWAII STATE FUSION CENTER

PRESENTATION TO
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

BY
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February 27, 2017

Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Dela Cruz 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 955.

The HI State Fusion Center established in 2014, is our state's focal point for receipt, analysis and sharing of threat-related information between federal, state, county, and private sector partners. The fusion center partners provide expertise and critical situational awareness to inform decision making at all levels of government and private sector partners. Unfortunately when Hawaii's Office of Homeland Security was codified in law, the establishment of the Hawaii State Fusion Center and the critical position of the director was never established. Currently, the fusion center director, Mr. Paul Epstein is funded with federal grant money. We seek the legislature's support to formally establish the Hawaii State Fusion Center and establish the position and funds for its director.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 955.

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FEBRUARY 28, 2017

Chair Tokudo, Vice Chair Kouchi, and members of the WAM Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in SUPPORTING Senate Bill 955 SD 1.

I am Dolores Cook, Administrator, Office of Homeland Security. I am submitting testifying in **SUPPORT** of SB 955 SD-1.

The proposal of SB 955 SD-1 continues the development of the HRS Chapter 128 A-3 and adding the Hawaii Fusion Center. The vision of the fusion center is to share information to ensure our partners are equipped with the necessary tools to keep Hawaii and the Nation safe, secure and resilient. Having a director at an equivalent level as our federal, state and local director / deputy director is essential for the rapport, collaboration and coordination that is continuous in the Hawaii State Fusion Center.

The Hawaii State Fusion Center serves as a focal point for the state for the receipt, analysis, gathering and sharing of threat-related information between the federal, state, local, and private sector partners. Fusion centers are situated in the state to empower front line law enforcement, public safety, fire, emergency responders, public health, critical infrastructure protection and private sector security personnel to understand the implications of intelligence for and to the State. The fusion center provides interdisciplinary expertise and situational awareness to inform decision-making at all levels of government. The Hawaii State Fusion Center conducts analysis and facilitates information sharing by assisting law enforcement and homeland security partners in preventing, protecting against and responding to crime, terrorism and all-hazard incidents. The Hawaii State Fusion Center also manages the Cyber Security Intelligence Center for TOP SECRET cyber threats to our critical infrastructure lifelines with the State of Hawaii.

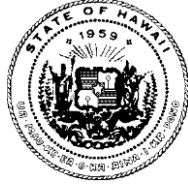
In addition to the support to and from law enforcement, the Hawaii State Fusion Center works closely with the all educational levels and security personnel to report school incidents, theft,

threats, shootings, etc., in our SAFE KEIKI portal. In addition, many of our hotel security are part of the HHSVISA portal, where again threats to our visitors are noted and provided to the appropriate law enforcement for investigation.

The Hawaii State Fusion Center is an important part of Hawaii's Homeland Security and the protection of our citizens and visitors.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 955 SD 1.

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Senate Committee on Ways & Means

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 955 SD 1 - RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY**

Hearing: February 28, 2017, 1:35 p.m.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this Administration measure.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to add the Fusion Center as a program under the existing Office of Homeland Security and establishes the position of director of the fusion center who shall be responsible to the director of homeland security and accountable to manage the day-to-day operations of the fusion center.

The Fusion Center is a significant resource to the State of Hawaii and serves as an important center for Federal, State, County agencies, and private entities to come together and receive the most up to date information on security and other issues that may impact the residents of the State. DHS is a State partner agency and has received assistance and information through Fusion Center partners on issues that range from homelessness, coordinated response to sex trafficking, the REAL ID Act, and vital information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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