

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 169  
SD1, HD1  
REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO MODERNIZE ITS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS  
PLANS

PRESENTATION TO  
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

BY  
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Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Lopresti, 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 Concurrent Resolution 169, Senate Draft 1 and House Draft 2 with amendments.

We live in a world of great uncertainty and our global operational environment confronts Hawaii with a wide spectrum of threats, challenges, and contingencies. The proposals of SCR 169 requesting that the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense modernize its disaster preparedness plans to address the increased risk from natural and manmade disasters is in the best interest of our state.

We support the recommendation that the Aloha Stadium parking lot be designated as an alternate laydown area for shipping containers if funding is provided to strengthen the parking lot to accommodate the heavy container loads and power if provided for refrigerated containers. The proximity of Aloha Stadium near the state's designated alternate port in Pearl Harbor will significantly improve the throughput, transport, and temporary storage of shipping containers.

This department recommends, in collaboration of the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, that a long term strategy and subsequent plan be considered that identifies and resources a commercial port on a neighbor island that could serve as the alternate "main hub" port should the Honolulu Harbor and Pearl Harbor be severely damaged and non-operational as the result of a major manmade disaster.

We further recommend that a certified copy of SCR 169 SD1, HD, with amendments, be transmitted to the United States Pacific Command – vital stakeholder for this effort.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of SCR 169, SD1, HD1.