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February 6, 2017

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
Committee on Public Safety
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 324
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takayama:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 1197 Relating to Emergency Preparedness

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support HB 1197, which proposes to appropriate funds to supply emergency seven-day provisions of food and water for state and county fire fighters while serving at fire stations, provided the county provides matching funds.

This bill would assist state and county fire departments in preparing a seven-day supply of water and food during natural disasters. Fire fighters are at the forefront in disaster mitigation and may oftentimes remain on duty for days without food and water supplies from third-party vendors. As such, keeping employees at peak performance while minimizing personal injury is crucial and can be met through maintaining adequate emergency water and food supplies.

The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's passage of HB 1197 to support county and state fire fighters in providing for the safety and general welfare of our citizens during natural disasters.

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Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. P. Neves', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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February 7, 2017

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
Committee on Public Safety
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 324
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takayama:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 1197 Relating to Emergency Preparedness

I am Robert F. Westerman, Vice-Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The SFC and the KFD support HB 1197, which proposes to appropriate funds to supply emergency seven-day provisions of food and water for state and county fire fighters while serving at fire stations, provided the county provides matching funds.

This bill would assist state and county fire departments in preparing a seven-day supply of water and food during natural disasters. Fire fighters are at the forefront in disaster mitigation and may oftentimes remain on duty for days without food and water supplies from third-party vendors. As such, keeping employees at peak performance while minimizing personal injury is crucial and can be met through maintaining adequate emergency water and food supplies.

The SFC and the KFD urge your committee's passage of HB 1197 to support county and state fire fighters in providing for the safety and general welfare of our citizens during natural disasters.

Please call me at (808) 241-4975 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Westerman
Fire Chief, County of Kaua'i

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Testimony by
Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, ALF-CIO

H.B. No. 1197 RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA), Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO, represents more than 1,900 professional active duty and 800 retired fire fighters throughout the State. The HFFA, on behalf of our members, supports H.B. No. 1197.

In times of emergencies, fire fighters are often times required to stay on the job after their regular shift is completed. H.B. No 1197 will ensure that basic supplies for fire fighters will be available during emergency situations when access to supplies can be limited due to hazardous conditions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and HFFA respectfully requests favorable consideration of this measure.

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Comments: All First responder agencies need to stay ahead of the curve, by being ready to serve in protecting the welfare of the populace

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