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The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,  
and Military Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara and Members:

Subject: House Bill 2091, House Draft 1: Relating to Homeland Security

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) strongly supports House Bill 2091, House Draft 1. As a water utility serving almost one million residents and visitors, the BWS is designated as part of Hawaii's critical infrastructure by the Department of Homeland Security. The BWS recognizes potential terrorist threats may significantly impact the health, safety and livelihood of every resident and visitor on the Island of Oahu.

Safeguarding our operation from these potential threats is the reason the BWS has become a partner of the Hawaii State Fusion Center (HSFC) under the direction of the Hawaii Department of Defense, through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding in June 2016.

With the current and actionable threat intelligence, coordinated and timely information dissemination, access to critical information sharing amongst Federal, State, County agencies and public-private entities is a critical component of our situational and operational programs for protecting against cyber and physical attacks. House Bill 2091, House Draft 1, provides the mechanism to provide the necessary staffing for the HSFC to become operational and to meet its intended mission.

Should the HSFC, its Center Director, no longer be in existence, the BWS would lose a valued partner and ally in its mission to provide safe, dependable, and affordable water now and into the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

ERNEST Y. W. LAU, P.E.  
Manager and Chief Engineer



Testimony of:  
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**H.B. 2091, H.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY**

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 2091, H.D. 1 relating to the establishment of a Hawaii State Fusion Center under the Office of Homeland Security and establishes the position of Hawaii State Fusion Center Director, responsible to the Director of Homeland Security and accountable to manage the operations of the center. The Hawaii State Fusion Center is to share information to ensure law enforcement and security partners are equipped with the necessary tools to keep Hawaii and the Nation safe, secure and resilient.

The overall goal of the Department of Transportation (DOT) is to facilitate the rapid, safe, and economical movement of people, goods and mail into, within, and out of the State by providing and operating transportation facilities and supporting services.

The DOT currently has three (3) Divisions: Airports, Harbors, and Highways. DOT provides, operates, and maintains 11 commercial service airports, 4 general aviation airports, 10 commercial harbors, and more than 2,500 miles of highway.

The three (3) transportation divisions are regulated by various federal agencies to ensure compliance with environmental, health, safety, law enforcement, and security requirements.

Current events such as terrorism, active shooter, insider threat, human smuggling, and trespassing impact our three transportation divisions. By passage of this bill and establishment of Hawaii State Fusion Center operations, we believe that the DOT will be able to receive timely information, both classified and unclassified, from the Center to support the DOT's new Office of Security and Law Enforcement in preparing for and responding to any threat to our transportation sectors, all of which are considered critical infrastructure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM  
ASSOCIATION

Testimony of

Mufi Hannemann  
President & CEO  
Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association

before the  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
March 13, 2018

House Bill 2091, H.D. 1: Relating to Homeland Security

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

On behalf of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, the state's largest private-sector visitor industry organization with nearly 700 members, thank you for the opportunity to testify regarding House Bill 2091, H.D. 1, which calls for the establishment of the Hawai'i State Fusion Center.

We support this measure because it will serve as a much-needed central monitoring and communications center for public safety in our state. We believe that the mandate set forth in this legislation will prove invaluable in ensuring the security of residents and visitors alike, strengthen coordination among law enforcement and emergency management agencies, and benefit an informed public.

We are encouraged that the Fusion Center will support the work of the Hawai'i Hotel and Visitor Security Association, which tackles the security concerns of the hospitality industry, as well as bring similar organizations under its umbrella. Public safety is an absolute priority for a visitor destination like ours, and the Fusion Center should enhance our reputation as a safe place to visit, work, and live.

We urge your support for House Bill 2091, H.D. 1. Mahalo.