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TESTIMONY BY LAUREL A. JOHNSTON
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON WATER & LAND
AND PUBLIC SAFETY
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2096

February 14, 2018
11:15 a.m.
Room 325

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

House Bill No. 2096 establishes the Emergency Hazard Flood Mitigation (EHFM) Special Fund; and appropriates \$1,000,000 in general funds to be deposited into the EHFM Special Fund and appropriates \$1,000,000 in special funds to purchase water pumps, generators, and heavy equipment, to be expended by the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

As a matter of general policy, the Department of Budget and Finance does not support the creation of special funds which do not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3, HRS. Special funds should: 1) serve a need as demonstrated by the purpose, scope of work and an explanation why the program cannot be implemented under the general fund appropriation process; 2) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries of the program or a clear link between the program and the sources of revenue; 3) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 4) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. With regards to House Bill No. 2096, it does not appear that the special fund meets the criteria of Section 37-52.3, HRS.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

STATE OF HAWAII
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HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2096, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Before the House Committees on
WATER AND LAND and **PUBLIC SAFETY**

by

MOSES KAOIWI
Interim Administrator, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA)

Chairs Yamane and Takayama, Vice Chairs Todd and Gates, and Members of the Committees:

Aloha. On behalf of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA), I submit the following comments regarding House Bill 2096.

- The bill establishes an emergency hazard flood mitigation special fund to be used by the agency to implement emergency flood mitigation measures, to include the acquisition of emergency flood mitigation equipment.
- It also provides an appropriation of \$1M from fiscal year 2018-2019 to be deposited into this fund to purchase water pumps, generators, and heavy equipment.

HI-EMA sincerely appreciates the measure's recognition and focus on the importance of community resilience and preparedness regarding our flood hazards. However, HI-EMA does not have the resources or expertise to acquire, install, use and maintain heavy emergency flood mitigation equipment. I believe flood mitigation measures would be better managed by the County Public Works Departments or the Department of Land and Natural Resources, which have flood mitigation authority. In addition, we cannot support any measure that will take away from the Governor's priorities as already presented in his Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill 2096.

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The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Chris Todd, Vice-Chair
Committee on Water and Land

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
The Honorable Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice-Chair
Committee on Public Safety

House of Representatives
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Yamane, Vice-Chair Todd, Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Gates, and members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: Support of House Bill 2096 Relating to Emergency Management

I am Hirokazu Toiya, deputy director of the Department of Emergency Management (DEM), City and County of Honolulu (City). HB 2096 establishes the emergency hazard flood mitigation special fund.

DEM supports this bill for the following reasons:

- The entire State of Hawaii is at annual risk from hazards and effects of flooding due to rain/riverine and/or coastal inundation from hurricane or tsunami events.
- With effects of climate change and projected sea level rise, there are additional concerns for mitigating the exacerbated flood hazards.
- In order to protect life and property from future flood hazards (coastal or riverine) it is of critical importance that the State of Hawaii provide funding that can be utilized by emergency managers to develop and implement mitigation strategies and measures.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony for this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Hirokazu Toiya", is written over a blue horizontal line.

Hirokazu Toiya
Deputy Director

HB-2096

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments: