

HB-2196-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee (HPAC)	Support	Yes

Comments:

We STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill. Mahalo.

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Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018
Thursday, February 22, 2018
11:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

RE: Testimony in Support with Comments of HB 2196 HD1 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

To the Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair; the Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Good afternoon. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No. 2196 HD1, relating to Disaster Preparedness; Hurricane; Retrofitting Buildings; DOE; and an appropriation.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in support of House Bill No. 2196 HD1 and supports its passage.

House Bill No. 2196 HD1 is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH") as it (1) establishes a pilot program to retrofit various Department of Education buildings to withstand a category 3 hurricane, (2) requires the Department of Education to work in collaboration with the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, and (3) appropriates funds.

Specifically, the DPH Platform provides that we "believe in a government that will adequately, efficiently, courteously, openly, ethically and fairly administer to the needs of the people." (Platform of the DPH, P. 5, Lines 245-246 (2016)).

Given that House Bill No. 2196 HD1(1) establishes a pilot program to retrofit various Department of Education buildings to withstand a category 3 hurricane, (2) requires the Department of Education to work in collaboration with the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, and (3) appropriates funds, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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Date: 02/22/2018
Time: 11:00 AM
Location: 308
Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 2196, HD1 RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes a pilot program to retrofit various Department of Education buildings to withstand a category 3 hurricane. Requires the Department of Education to work in collaboration with the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. Appropriates funds. (HB2196 HD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) supports HB2196 HD1 provided that no additional costs are incurred upon its passage. The bill directs HIDOE to identify facilities to retrofit in coordination with the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, to utilize the structural assessments for hurricane classification of existing HIDOE facilities, and provides funding for those retrofit improvements.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB2196 HD1.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2196 HD1, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Before the House Committee on
FINANCE

by

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

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee.

HB 2196 HD1 establishes a pilot program to retrofit various Department of Education (DOE) buildings to withstand a Category 3 hurricane and appropriates funds for that purpose. HB 2196 HD1 includes the DOE recommendation to require additional structural assessments made in accordance with the Report of Recommended Statewide Public Hurricane Shelter Criteria developed by the Hurricane Shelter Criteria Committee, State Civil Defense, June 24, 2014; to provide funding for these assessments; and to fund retrofit improvements as recommended by these structural assessments.

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) *supports the intent* of HB 2196 HD1 and offers the following comments:

- HI-EMA has worked closely with the DOE in the shelter retrofit program.
- Each selected school building is unique and must be assessed by a structural engineer in order determine if retrofit is feasible and to what standard it can be retrofitted.
- HI-EMA supports the intent of HB 2196 HD1 as long as it does not replace the Governor's priorities as requested in his executive budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of the intent of HB 2196 HD1.

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