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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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Comments:

I support the intent of this bill. But it should be amended to require that each school must keep a list of emergency items in its inventory which should be replaced at specific dates such as food, water, first-aid or medical supplies. The date for replacement of any particular item should be sufficiently far ahead of the expiration of its usefulness to allow the item to be sold or given to charities serving low-income or homeless people at a time when the item still has some remaining potency or usefulness. The bill should also include a recommendation that the state Department of Education should consult with U.S. military logistics personnel to get advice on the shelf life of emergency supplies and how to maintain good inventory control and timely give-away of items while some usefulness remains.

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Circe Carr	Individual	Support	No

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Comments:

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Senate Committee on Education

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Monday, March 12, 2018

Support for H.B 2238 Relating to Emergency Preparedness

Hello, My name is Jamie Lemon and I am currently a freshman at Kalaheo High School. I am strongly in support of HB 2238 which would encourage public schools to prepare for emergencies and provide them with funds to do so. The safety of the students in our schools should be a priority. Providing schools with the funds to purchase water, nonperishable food, and other necessary supplies would help to keep them safe in the event of a disaster.

In addition to giving schools the means to buy supplies, this bill would help to encourage schools to practice emergency drills on a regular basis, effectively

communicate plans in the event of an emergency to parents and guardians of students, and present a detailed list of supplies, including water and nonperishable foods necessary for students to remain at a school shelter for forty-eight hours in the event of an emergency. This would help schools to be prepared for emergency situations which, in turn, would help protect student's safety. If members of a school practice emergency drills, then they would know exactly what to do in the event of an actual emergency which could save their lives.

As was proven during the false missile alert, a lot of the people living here do not know what to do in the event of an emergency. It is vital that people are educated and learn what to do during an emergency so that they may increase their chances of survival. School should be a place that students can feel safe in and this bill would help them to do so. Since students spend a large portion of their day at school, there is more of a chance that when and if an emergency does strike, it would happen during school hours. This means that schools must be prepared and be capable of protecting the students and ensuring their safety.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I truly hope that you decide to support HB 2238 which would help to ensure students safety.

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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