

SCR26

Measure
Title:

REQUESTING THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE ALL CELLULAR PHONES TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY ALERTS WITHOUT AN OPTION TO OPT OUT OF RECEIVING EMERGENCY ALERT MESSAGES AND WITHOUT ANY ADDED COSTS TO SERVICE PLANS.

Report Title: Emergency Alerts; Federal Communications Commission; Cellular Phones; Requirements

Description:

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: PSM/ETT, CPH

Introducer(s): KIDANI, DELA CRUZ, INOUYE, Ruderman

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

To the Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair; the Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health:

Good morning. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **SCR26** relating to Emergency Alerts; Federal Communications Commission; Cellular Phones; and Requirements.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **SCR26** and supports its passage. **SCR26** is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it requests the Federal Communications Commission to establish regulations to all cellular phones to receive emergency alerts without an option to opt out of receiving emergency alert messages and without any added costs to service plans.

The Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i 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 DPH, P.5, Line 245-246 (2016)).

Given that **SCR26** requests the Federal Communications Commission to establish regulations to require all cellular phones to receive emergency alerts without an option to opt out of receiving emergency alert messages and without any added costs to service plans., it is the position of the OCC on Legislative Priorities to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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