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Statement of  
**LEO R. ASUNCION**  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY**  
Monday, April 2, 2018  
1:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

in consideration of  
**SCR 193 / SR 133, PROPOSED SD 1**  
**URGING THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND OFFICE OF PLANNING  
TO FORM A CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESILIENCY COUNCIL, WITH  
CONSULTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM.**

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Espero, and Members of the Senate Committee on  
Transportation and Energy.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports the intent of the resolution as there is a need to perform disaster planning for critical infrastructure and to develop a resiliency policy. However, OP would like to provide the following comment regarding the uncertainty of the funding source. OP is not privy to the existing funding support from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT), or any other agency within DBEDT nor does OP have the resources to convene and operate the proposed Critical Infrastructure and Resiliency Council (Council) budgeted in its current FY18 or FY19 budget.

While OP appreciates the Senate's trust and confidence in OP to co-convene the Council, and to perform the tasks stated in the resolution, without funding support for the Council, it would be difficult to do so.

If the committee is inclined to move the resolution forward, OP recommends that an appropriate agency with general expertise and knowledge in energy and energy systems in Hawaii be tasked with co-convening the Council with the Office of Homeland Security.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this resolution.

**Testimony to the Committee on Transportation and Energy**  
Monday, April 2, 2018  
Conference Room 225, State Capitol  
Regarding SR133 Proposed SD1 and SCR193 Proposed SD1

Chair Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair Will Espero, and members of the Committee on Transportation and Energy,

Young Brothers is Hawaii's only state regulated interisland water carrier serving all Hawaiian Islands.

Young Brothers **supports** SR133 Proposed SD1 and SCR193 Proposed SD1 to ensure that the State of Hawaii is prepared to withstand natural disasters and other emergencies and to protect the State's critical infrastructure and its citizens by making investments in grid resiliency and offers an amendment.

For further consideration, the Committee may want to include interisland transportation representation on the council. Interisland transport services are a critical part of disaster recovery efforts. In the days following Hurricane Iniki, Young Brothers delivered more than five barges carrying food, water, ice, fuel, generators and equipment required to restore services.

Disaster recovery efforts require tremendous coordination with the electric utilities, Coast Guard, Army Corps of Engineers, state and county agencies and departments, FEMA, Red Cross and others. One of the first priorities is to clear the harbors to allow shipments of humanitarian relief, equipment and supplies to arrive on island.

Young Brothers is the state's only regulated water carrier and as such, we are responsible for all interisland freight transport and play a key role in resiliency planning.

We respectfully request you consider adding an amendment to both resolutions following this paragraph:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council is encouraged to invite representatives of the following entities or industries to join the Council:**

**(4) the regulated interisland water carrier serving all islands;**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**SR-133**

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Testimony for TRE on 4/2/2018 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Z. Arakawa	Testifying for Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) **SUPPORTS** SCR 193 / SR 133, Proposed SD1, Urging the Office of Homeland Security and the Office of Planning to form a Critical Infrastructure and Resiliency Council, with consultation from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

