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January 10, 2019

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President and Members of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the report on the Emergency Management Review as required by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 40 SD1 HD1 2018. In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at <\\g01dod-papp03\el\ASO\Legislative\Legislative Reports>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Logan".

Arthur J. Logan
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January 3, 2019

Senator Ronald Kouchi, President
Hawai'i State Senate

Representative Scott Saiki, Speaker
Hawai'i State House of Representatives

Re: Senate Concurrent Resolution 40 (2018) – Request for extension to submit report

Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency intends to respond to the Senate Concurrent Resolution 40 (SCR40) by December 2019. The Hawai'i State Senate and The House of Representatives in the Regular Session of 2018 passed SCR40, which called upon the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) to convene an emergency management review task force and then to submit that list of organizations, along with HI-EMA's findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019. That placed the due date for the specified list, report, and guidance on or about December 27, 2018.

Severe flooding on the Islands of Oahu and Kauai during the month of April 2018, followed by an unprecedented volcanic eruption in Hawai'i Island's East Rift Zone have severely tested HI-EMA's response capacity, calling for the full activation of Hawai'i's state and county-wide response resources, along with the activation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) personnel and other resources from across the nation. While the emergencies themselves appear to be winding down, allowing HI-EMA to plan for the next phase of recovery, these rare, all-hands-on-deck occurrences have left HI-EMA without the manpower required to undertake the review in a meaningful way. As such, our office-- as stated in a previous letter dated August 16, 2018—intends to address the action called for in SCR40 before December 1, 2019.

Please contact our office if you have any comments, questions, or concerns regarding this request by phone at 808-733-4300 or via email at Thomas.L.Travis@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Travis
Administrator of Emergency Management