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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1553  
A BILL RELATED TO HOMELAND SECURITY

PRESENTATION TO THE  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS  
BY  
MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN  
ADJUTANT GENERAL  
DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
DIRECTOR OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
FEBRUARY 1, 2019

Good morning Chairperson Gregg Takayama and vice Chair Cedric Asuega Gates and members of the Committee on Public Safety, Veterans and Military Affairs.

I am MG Arthur J. Logan, Adjutant General, Director of Emergency Management and Director of Homeland Security. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1553.

The proposal of HB 1553, with the additions to HRS Chapter 128 A will solidify the Hawaii Fusion Center. One of the major functions of the fusion center is to share information ensuring our partners are equipped with the necessary tools to keep Hawaii and the Nation safe, secure and resilient.

The Hawaii State Fusion Center serves as a focal point for the state for the receipt, analysis, gathering and sharing of threat-related information between the federal, state, local, and private sector partners. Fusion centers are situated in the state to empower front line law enforcement, public safety, fire, emergency responders, public health, critical infrastructure protection and private sector security personnel to understand the implications of intelligence for and to the State. The fusion center provides interdisciplinary expertise and situational awareness to inform decision-making at all levels of government. The Hawaii State Fusion Center conducts analysis and facilitates information sharing by assisting law enforcement and homeland security partners in preventing, protecting against and responding to crime, terrorism and all-hazard incidents.

The fusion center collaborates among all levels of government to receive, analyze, and disseminate threat related information in coordination with intelligence partners by coordinating with the 16 critical infrastructure sectors and lifelines, for example, electric, water, food, gas, utilities, communications, etc.

The collaboration includes the integration of cyber related threat information, cyber-crime prevention and analytic capabilities to assist in identifying cyber threats and indicators to individual networks and systems.

The intelligence analyst within the fusion center assist piecing together the disparate bits of information to form integrated views to produce actionable intelligence products on emerging cyber incidents, risk, threats, event, or trend.

In addition to the support to and from law enforcement with [alert@hiorca.org](mailto:alert@hiorca.org) portal, the Hawaii State Fusion Center works closely with the all educational levels and security personnel to report school incidents, theft, threats, shootings, etc., in our [www.safekeiki.org](http://www.safekeiki.org) portal. In addition, many of our hotel security are part of the [www.hhvisa.org](http://www.hhvisa.org) portal, where again threats to our visitors are noted and provided to the appropriate law enforcement for investigation.

The Hawaii State Fusion Center is an important part of Hawaii's Homeland Security and the protection of our citizens and visitors.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 1553.

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January 31, 2019

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair  
The Honorable Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice-Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Veterans  
and Military Affairs  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 430  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Gates, and members of the Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, and Military Affairs:

**SUBJECT: Support for House Bill 1553 Relating to Homeland Security**

I am Hirokazu Toiya, acting director of the Department of Emergency Management (DEM), City and County of Honolulu. **DEM SUPPORTS** House Bill 1553.

HB1553 amends HRS128A to establish the Hawaii State Fusion Center as a program under the Office of Homeland Security, State of Hawaii Department of Defense. The Fusion Center is already serving a critical public safety function, and the proposed amendments will codify it in to state law to ensure that it can continue to support the growing need for actionable intelligence by law enforcement and other public safety agencies.

We live in a time of growing public safety issues that not only include physical threats of crime and terrorism but also technological and cyber related threats. Sifting through all sources of information from various law enforcement and homeland security agencies as well as open source information available on the internet and providing actionable intelligence specific to Hawaii is no small feat. We count on the Hawaii State Fusion Center to provide this valuable function so that we can collectively prevent, protect against, and if need be, respond more effectively to the threats against our communities.

DEM therefore supports HB1553 in the interest of public safety and the communities we serve. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Hirokazu Toiya  
Acting Director

**TESTIMONY OF THE HAWAI`I POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**HOUSE BILL 1553**

**RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY**

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS

DATE : Thursday, February 1, 2019

TIME : 10:00 A.M.

PLACE : Conference Room 430  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**PERSON TESTIFYING:**

Police Chief Paul K. Ferreira  
Hawai`i Police Department  
County of Hawai`i

(Written Testimony Only)

Harry Kim  
Mayor



Paul K. Ferreira  
Police Chief

Kenneth Bugado Jr.  
Deputy Police Chief

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Representative Gregg Takayama  
Chairperson and Committee Members  
Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 430  
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#### **RE: HOUSE BILL 1553 RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY**

Dear Representative Takayama:

The Hawai'i Police Department supports House Bill 1553, with its purpose to establish the Hawaii State Fusion Center as a program under the Office of Homeland Security and establish the position of Hawaii State Fusion Center Director, who shall be state-funded, responsible to the Director of Homeland Security, and accountable to manage the operations of the Center.

It is our strong belief that having a State agency whose primary mission is centered on serving as a focal point for collection, coordination, and risk assessment threats as they relate to our state as well as for potential Federal implications. We further believe remaining vigilant of potential threats and ensuring proper plans are in place to deal with these threats are paramount strategies given today's global climate.

It is for these reasons that we urge this committee to approve this legislation.

Thank you for allowing the Hawai'i Police Department to provide comments relating to House Bill 1553.

Sincerely,

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January 31, 2019

TO: The Honorable Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair  
Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 1553 – RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY**

Hearing: Friday, February 1, 2019, 10:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 430, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this measure.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the bill is to establish the Hawaii State Fusion Center as a program under the Office of Homeland Security and establish the position of Hawaii State Fusion Center Director who shall be state-funded, responsible to the Director of Homeland Security, and accountable to manage the operations of the Center.

The Fusion Center is a significant resource to the State of Hawaii and serves as an important hub for Federal, State, County agencies, and private entities to come together and receive the most up to date information on security and other issues that may impact the residents of the State. DHS is a State partner agency and has received assistance, training, and information through Fusion Center and member partners on issues that range from homelessness, cybersecurity, coordinated response to sex trafficking, the REAL ID Act, improving system response to workplace violence, and vital information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. DHS has also relied on its partnership to engage Fusion Center partners as reviewing and planning team members of the State's Emergency Repatriation Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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## Testimony before the House Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs HOUSE BILL 1553, Relating to Homeland Security

February 1, 2019 at 10:00 AM  
Conference Room 430

By Michael M. Contrades  
Acting Chief of Police, County of Kauai

Chair Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair Cedric A. Gates, Honorable Members of the Committee:

The Kaua`i Police Department supports the passage of House Bill No. 1553, Relating to Homeland Security.

The Kaua`i Police Department feels strongly that establishing the Hawaii state fusion center will greatly enhance the sharing of intelligence and threat-related information between law enforcement and public safety partners at the local, state, federal, and international levels.

If established, the Hawaii state fusion center will be able to provide support and assistance to public safety and law enforcement agencies by closing existing information gaps. Fusion centers typically have access to sensitive databases to perform queries, have expert staffing on hand to receive intelligence and threat-related information from various sources, perform critical analysis, and disseminate intelligence to the appropriate agency or the public safety community as deemed necessary.

Some benefits of having a fusion center based in the State of Hawai`i include but are not limited to: improved collaboration and networking between law enforcement and homeland security agencies, identification of crime patterns and threats that may affect national security, mitigate vulnerabilities associated with infrastructure and cybersecurity, assist with deployment of resources and assets in emergency situations, and provide specialized training for law enforcement and public safety agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY ON  
**HOUSE BILL 1553, RELATED TO HOMELAND SECURITY**

PRESENTATION TO  
**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

BY

MS. DOLORES COOK  
ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
FEBRUARY 1, 2019

Good afternoon Chairperson Gregg Takayama, vice Chair Cedric Asuega Gates and members of the Committee on Public Safety, Veterans and Military Affairs.

I am Dolores Cook, Administrator, Office of Homeland Security. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 1553.

The proposal of HB 1553, with the additions to HRS Chapter 128A are important to solidify the Hawaii Fusion Center. The Hawaii Fusion Center is essential for the state to share information to ensure our partners are equipped with the necessary tools to keep Hawaii and the Nation safe, secure and resilient.

The Hawaii State Fusion Center is the focal point for the state to receive, analyze, gather and share threat-related information between our federal, state, local, and private sector partners. It also empowers front line law enforcement, public safety, fire, emergency responders, public health, critical infrastructure protection and private sector security personnel to understand the implications of intelligence to the State. This collaboration, synchronization and analysis of information produces actionable intelligence products on emerging cyber incidents, potential threats, public event, and/or trends. In addition to the support and collaboration with law enforcement, the Hawaii State Fusion Center also works closely with our schools' and hotels' security.

The Hawaii State Fusion Center is an important part of Hawaii's homeland security and the protection and safety of our residence and visitors.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 1553.



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January 31, 2019

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair  
Committee on Public Safety, Veterans,  
and Military Affairs  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 323  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takayama:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 1553 Relating to Homeland Security

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support HB 1553, which establishes the Hawaii State (State) Fusion Center as a program under the Office of Homeland Security and the position of the State Fusion Center Director who shall be State-funded, responsible to the Director of Homeland Security, and accountable to manage the Fusion Center operations.

The Fusion Center is a significant resource to the State and serves as an important center for federal, State, and county agencies and private entities to come together and receive the most up-to-date information on security and other issues that may impact the State's residents. The four county fire departments, which comprises the SFC, are partner agencies who have received assistance and information through the Fusion Center partnership on issues that range from terrorist use of fire as a weapon to special event threat assessments.

Successful passage of HB 1553 will help ensure that the four county fire departments in the State continue to receive current assessments across the full spectrum of homeland security threats.

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair  
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The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's support on the passage of HB 1553.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Lloyd Rogers at 723-7176 or [lrogers@honolulu.gov](mailto:lrogers@honolulu.gov).

Sincerely,

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MANUEL P. NEVES  
Chair

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**KAUA'I EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**  
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January 30, 2019

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair, Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee.

State House of Representatives  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF H.B.1553 RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY**

Honorable Committee Members:

I am Elton Ushio, Administrator of the County of Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency, testifying in SUPPORT of H.B. 1153.

The Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency supports H.B. 1553, which proposes to amend H.R.S. 128A.

The proposed amendment is necessary to maintain this valuable capability. As the threats we face continue to grow, the information gathering and dissemination from the fusion center allows for easier review by Administration at the State and County levels.

This would be in the best interest of State and County government, emergency management, homeland security, and the people we serve.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

 Elton S. Ushio  
Emergency Management Administrator



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The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Public Safety, Veterans,  
and Military Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 430  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takayama and Members:

Subject: House Bill 1553 Relating to Homeland Security

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) strongly supports House Bill (HB) 1553. As a water utility serving almost one million residents and visitors, the BWS is designated as part of Hawaii's critical infrastructure by the Department Homeland Security. The BWS recognizes potential terrorist threats may significantly impact the health, safety and livelihood of every resident and visitor on the Island of Oahu.

Safeguarding our operation from these potential threats is the reason the BWS has become a partner of the Hawaii State Fusion Center (HSFC) under the direction of the Hawaii Department of Defense, through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in June 2016. The MOU establishes efficient and timely sharing of information between two organizations to increase situational awareness of possible cyber-security issues and concerns.

With the current and actionable threat intelligence, coordinated and timely information dissemination, access to critical information sharing amongst Federal, State, County agencies and public-private entities is a critical component of our situational and operational programs for protecting against cyber and physical attacks. HB 1553 provides the mechanism to provide the necessary staffing for the HSFC to become operational and to meet its intended mission.

Should the HSFC, its Center Director, no longer be in existence, the BWS would lose a valued partner and ally in its mission to provide safe, dependable and affordable water now and into the future.

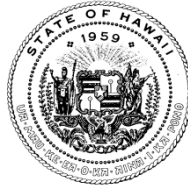
The Honorable Gregg Takayama  
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

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ERNEST Y. W. LAU, P.E.  
Manager and Chief Engineer



**TESTIMONY BY:**

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January 30, 2019  
10:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 430

**H.B. 1553**  
**RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY.**

House Committee on Public Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 1553 which seeks inclusion of the Hawaii Fusion Center, under the Hawaii Department of Homeland Security. The vision of the fusion center is to share information to ensure law enforcement and security partners are equipped with the necessary tools to keep Hawaii and the Nation safe, secure and resilient.

The overall goal of the DOT is to facilitate the rapid, safe, and economical movement of people, goods and mail into, within, and out of the State by providing and operating transportation facilities and supporting services.

The DOT currently has three (3) Divisions: Airports, Harbors, and Highways. DOT provides, operates, and maintains 11 commercial service airports, 4 general aviation airports, 10 commercial harbors, and more than 2,500 miles of highway. The three (3) transportation divisions are regulated by various federal agencies to ensure compliance with environmental, health, safety, law enforcement, and security requirements.

Current events such as terrorism, active shooter, insider threat, human smuggling, and trespassing impact our three transportation divisions. By this bill, the DOT will be able to receive timely information, both classified and unclassified, from the Hawaii Fusion Center to allow its new Office of Security and Law Enforcement to prepare for and respond to any threat to our critical transportation sectors and infrastructures.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Representative Gregg Takayama  
House District 34  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 323  
Re: HB 1553

Dear Representative Takayama,

January 30, 2019

I am a retired police officer with the Honolulu Police Department and the Director of Safety & Security for the Halekulani and Halepuna Hotels. I am currently the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Hawaii Hotel Visitor Industry Security Association (HHVISA), and would like to submit written testimony in support of House Bill 1553, regarding the Hawaii State Fusion Center.

The Fusion Center has assisted HHVISA with many facets of security that helps us do our job in keeping visitors to and residents of Hawaii safe and secure. The Fusion Center has assisted us in creating and maintaining a website that helps us share information on criminal activity in our areas, persons to be on the lookout for, latest crime trends, terrorism updates, special events and more. The website created by the Fusion Center has members from law enforcement as well as private security and serves as a conduit in information sharing on both sides. HHVISA has benefited by sharing video footage of criminals in the act and law enforcement recognizing, apprehending and prosecuting persons involved as well as private security assisting law enforcement with helping locate culprits or missing persons.

The Fusion Center has afforded HHVISA members the opportunity for the latest up to date training from some of the best experts in their fields. We have been the beneficiary of training on subjects such as drug safety and recognition, financial fraud schemes and prevention, criminal gangs, human trafficking, emergency response, terrorism trends and other pertinent subjects.

HHVISA would not be as successful in keeping everyone safe if it weren't for the assistance, we receive from The Fusion Center and its hard-working staff. I enjoy working with Dee Cook, the Homeland Security Administrator and Paul Epstein, the Director of the Hawaii State Fusion Center. They have fostered a great working relationship between law enforcement and the tourism and hotel security personnel. I wholeheartedly support House Bill 1553 and hope to continue to the relationship and for the State of Hawaii to benefit from the Fusion Center.

Warmest Aloha,

Russell Ikeda  
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## **O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities (OCCL)**

COMMITTEE ON SAFETY, VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

Rep. Gregg Takayama, Chair

Rep. Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, February 1, 2019

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 430, State Capitol

RE: HB 1553 Relating to Homeland Security

Aloha mai kakou Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Gates, and Members of the Committee on Safety, Veterans & Military Affairs:

The O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities (OCCLP) of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i (DPH) hereby submits its testimony in **SUPPORT of HB 1553 relating to Homeland Security.**

HB 1553 establishes the Hawaii State Fusion Center as a program under the Office of Homeland Security and establishes the position of Hawaii State Fusion Center Director who shall be state-funded, responsible to the Director of Homeland Security, and accountable to manage the operations of the Center.

We support safety and security in all dimensions as a basic function of government. We support just law enforcement and enhancement of crime prevention, without compromising civil liberties. This encompasses the full protection of the law, including enforcement of victim's rights, restitution, counseling, therapy, Orders of Protection, and shelters for victims and survivors of domestic violence and other criminal wrongs. We support appropriate training for all law enforcement officers and agency personnel. We support full enforcement of the State of Hawai'i's hate crimes statute.

We demand the protection of the people of Hawai'i and their property against natural and man-made disasters. We believe in the science of climate change, affirm human activity as its primary cause and main driver, and support emergency preparedness and planning efforts to mitigate its impacts. This includes investment in early warning systems, emergency management

and response systems, and adequate emergency sheltering. *Democratic Party of Hawai'i Platform (2018), p. 20, ln. 21-32.*

For the foregoing reasons, i.e., to early warning systems, emergency management and response systems, and adequate emergency sheltering, OCCLP supports HB 1553 and urges its passage out of the Committee on Safety, Veterans & Military Affairs.

Mahalo nui loa

Me ka `oia`i`o

/s/ Melodie Aduja

Melodie Aduja

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**TESTIMONY OF TINA YAMAKI  
PRESIDENT  
RETAIL MERCHANTS OF HAWAII  
February 1, 2019**

**Re: HB 1553 RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY**

Good morning Chairperson Takayama and members of the House Committee on Public Safety, Veterans and Military Affairs. I am Tina Yamaki, President of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and I appreciate this opportunity to testify.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii (RMH) is a statewide not-for-profit trade organization committed to supporting the retail industry and business in general in Hawaii. The retail industry is one of the largest employers in the state, employing 25% of the labor force.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii **STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB 1553 Relating to Homeland Security**. For many years, the Retail Merchant of Hawaii has been working in partnership with the Hawaii State Fusion Center. They are very influential in formulating partnerships between not only federal, state and county government agencies, but with business community partners like us that share information to combat safety and security problems and issues facing not only our industry but our community and government as well.

As property crimes continue to plague retailers, the Hawaii State Fusion Center has been instrumental in establishing the Hawaii Organized Retail Crime Alliance (HIORCA) website that is open only to law enforcement and retail investigators in an effort to share cross jurisdictional information to identify, disrupt, and apprehend Organized Retail Crime (ORC) crews. HIORCA operates like a business "crime watch" that allows law enforcement and retailers to communicate on a real time basis through alerts about criminal activity and incidents impacting their business or geographic area, in an effort to prevent other retail partners from being victimized.

The information that we receive from the Hawaii State Fusion Center is invaluable through their dissemination of information on leads, tips, trends, suspicious activities and more. It is only by continuing to work in partnership that we can maintain a Hawaii that is not only safe to visit but to live and work as well.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

**HB-1553**

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 10:14:59 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Earl Morris	BYU Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

BYU Hawaii is very much in support of this Bill. We have benefited greatly from our association with the Fusion Center and feel that the move to put it under Homeland Security will benefit Public Safety entities within the State of Hawaii. Thank you to those who proposed and drafted this bill. It is a very positive move in the right direction.



**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS, & MILITARY  
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February 1, 2019, 10:00AM  
State Capitol, Room 430

Written Testimony of CyberHawaii  
**HB 1553 Relating to Homeland Security**

Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Gates and members of the House Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, and Military Affairs, CyberHawaii respectfully submits its testimony in **strong support** of HB 1553.

Co-led by executive team members Clyde Sonobe and Jennifer Sabas, CyberHawaii is a non-profit organization committed to a whole of community approach to mitigate cyber risk, support educational and workforce pathways, and invest in business and nonprofit mentoring for a more cyber secure and resilient Hawaii. Our members include large and mid-size businesses, strategic federal, military, state and county government partners, as well as affiliate business organizations.

On Tuesday, January 29, 2019, the U.S. National Intelligence Agency released its annual "World-Wide Threat Assessment" with growing cyber attacks topping the list of threats of greatest concern, coming from Russia and China in particular and targeting American infrastructure. Our nation's Intelligence Chiefs presented their finding on Capitol Hill.

Safeguarding Hawaii from cyber attack requires collaboration between State, Local, Federal government and Defense agencies, together with critical infrastructure private sector companies and partners. CyberHawaii recognizes the critical role that the Hawaii State Fusion Center must play in this most important endeavor.

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's newly created Cyber Security and Infrastructure Agency, the State Fusion Center and its director will provide a focal point for the cohesive efforts between all stakeholders, and in particular with private sector companies, allowing for increased anonymized information sharing and cyber threat mitigation. Cyber security is everyone's kuleana. Working together as a community, we can all do our part and make a difference. The Fusion Center, together with a strong director, is an essential component of the strategy.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support** of HB 1553.

HB 1553  
RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY  
House Committee on Public Safety, Veterans & Military Affairs  
Public Hearing – February 1, 2019  
10am, State Capitol, Conference Room 430

By R. Doug Aton, Business Manager, Star Protection Agency  
And Infragard member, Hawaii Chapter

HB 1553 codifies the Hawaii State Fusion Center as a program under the Office of Homeland Security and establishes the position of Hawaii State Fusion Center Director who shall be state funded, responsible to the Director of Homeland Security and accountable to manage the operations center.

As the Business Manager for the Star Protection Agency and also as an Infragard member, Hawaii Chapter, Star Protection Agency strongly supports the intent of Bill 1553 to establish, by law, the Hawaii State Fusion Center and provide for the position of Hawaii State Fusion Center Director. With the relatively recent appointment of its present Fusion Center leader, Mr. Paul Epstein, the Center has managed to truly provide a vehicle for seamless public-private collaboration with government that expedites the timely exchange of information and promotes mutual learning opportunities relevant to the protection of critical homeland security infrastructure in our State of Hawaii and the Pacific Basin.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**H.B. 1553**

**Relating to Homeland Security**

Friday, February 1, 2019  
10:00 a.m., Agenda Item 5  
State Capitol, Conference Room 430

Bryan Tepper  
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Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Gates, and Members of the Committee

My name is Bryan Tepper and I represent Hawaiian Electric Company and its subsidiary utilities Maui Electric Company and Hawaii Electric Light Company (collectively, "Hawaiian Electric"). Hawaiian Electric supports H.B. 1553, Relating to Homeland Security. H.B. 1553 proposes to establish the Hawaii State Fusion Center ("HSFC") as a program in the Office of Homeland Security and establishes the position of Hawaii State Fusion Center Director who shall be state-funded, responsible to the Director of Homeland Security, and accountable to manage the operations of the Center.

Hawaiian Electric is a public private member of the Hawaii State Fusion Center. We are an active member that utilizes the resources of the HSFC for identification and analysis of threats to the energy infrastructure. The partnership between Hawaiian Electric and the Hawaii State Fusion Center provides essential information that Hawaiian Electric employs in its remediation of vulnerabilities to protect the critical infrastructure and customer and employee personally identifiable information.



Hawaiian Electric believes the Hawaii State Fusion Center plays an essential role in the protection of the State of Hawaii and its people, property and critical infrastructure. Officially establishing the Hawaii State Fusion Center in statute recognizes the importance of this organization and provides necessary continuity for its operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**HB-1553**

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Testimony for PVM on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM



<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joseph Tillotson Jr.	Hawaii Pacific University	Support	No

Comments:

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I support this bill because the Hawaii State Fusion Center has been instrumental in providing reliable and timely information, as well as promoting liaisons between government and private industry, which has allowed Hawaii Pacific University to implement effective security and safety strategies for its university community.

I have attended briefings from the Fusion Center since May of 2017 and have been extremely impressed with the quality and breadth of the materials. From emergency preparedness to work place violence topics, I found the information educational, vital, and essential. Further, without the Hawaii State Fusion Center, effective liaison with law enforcement and civil defense representatives would have been limited and difficult to achieve. The meetings held absolutely brought all interested stakeholders from a wide range of disciplines together and promoted needed communication between them to achieve safety and security goals.

The bill is a great idea whose time has come. Passing this amendment will afford the Hawaii State Fusion Center with the continuity of purpose it needs to accomplish its worthy goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Tillotson Jr.

Director of Security and Safety

Hawaii Pacific University

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Testimony for PVM on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jerald Dolak	Hawaii Hotel Visitor Industry Security Association	Support	No

Comments:

The State Fusion Center is the link between security professionals and law enforcement. The Fusion Center created and maintains an HHVISA website allowing us to securely share criminal intelligence without delay to all the right people. There is much discussion in our industry about the importance of public and private partnerships and this is it. Additionally, the Fusion Center has provided us training opportunities not normally available or only available on the mainland. We have had this partnership so long now I can not imagine the difficulty it would create without it. HHVISA needs the Fusion Center.

Jerry Dolak

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Statement of  
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Friday, February 1, 2019  
10:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 430

In consideration of  
**HB 1553**  
**RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY**

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Gates, and members of the Committee.

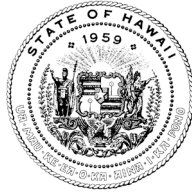
The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** HB1553, which establishes the Hawaii State Fusion Center as a program under the Office of Homeland Security and establishes the position of Hawaii State Fusion Center Director who shall be state-funded, responsible to the Director of Homeland Security, and accountable to manage the operations of the Center.

The State Homeland Security statutes (Chapter 128A, Hawaii Revised Statutes), were enacted to provide a homeland security law to provide for all homeland security functions of the State and its counties. It is intended to ensure that the State will be adequately prepared to deal with terrorist attacks; preserve the lives and property of the people of the State; and to protect the public peace, health, and safety.

The Hawaii State Fusion Center supports these objectives by being the focal point for sharing local, national, and international information and context with the national level intelligence community. These functions and roles are critical to the State. We support this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS  
Friday, February 1, 2019

HOUSE BILL NO. 1553  
RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY

Dear Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Asuega and members of the committee:

The Office of the Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) supports House Bill No. 1553, Relating to Homeland Security, which establishes the Hawaii State Fusion Center as a program under the Office of Homeland Security, and establishes the position of Hawaii State Fusion Center Director, responsible to the Director of Homeland Security to manage the operations of the Center.

ETS has worked closely with the Hawaii State Fusion Center (HSFC) in the State Department of Defense to share cyber threat and vulnerability information that helps ETS to protect the State government's network infrastructure and safeguard state government data. ETS supports establishing the HSFC, as long as it doesn't affect the priorities identified in the Governor's Executive Budget request.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

**HB-1553**

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 8:37:05 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Russell Seeney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of providing funding for the Hawaii State Fusion Center and HB1553. As a technologist I belong to several technology groups and we utilize the research, reports, notifications provided by HSFC.

**HB-1553**

Submitted on: 2/1/2019 7:25:38 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



**Testimony to the House Public Safety, Veterans & Military Affairs**

Friday, February 1, 2019 10 a.m.  
Conference Room 430, State Capitol  
RE: House Bill 1553

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Gates and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Veterans & Military Affairs:

Hawaii Gas supports HB 1553 and provides the following comments.

HB 1553 amends Chapter 128, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by establishing the Hawaii State Fusion Center as a program under the Office of Homeland Security and establishes the position of Hawaii State Fusion Center Director who shall be state-funded, responsible to the Director of Homeland Security, and accountable to manage the operations of the Center. This bill codifies the linkages of the Center within the State Department of Defense, specifically the State's Office of Homeland Security.

The importance of the Hawaii State Fusion Center should not be overlooked. Hawaii faces an evolving threat environment in which threats emanate not only from outside our borders but also from within our communities. The Center fulfills a critical role in the defense of our state and nation as the hub and spokes for gathering and sharing threat-related information between the federal, state and local levels of government and private sector partners.

Hawaii's Center is also part of a national network of fusion centers that collaborates to build capacity, share resources and provide training to improve our performance to strengthen our homeland security.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 1553.

Sincerely,

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Director, Government Affairs and Communications  
Hawaii Gas