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HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

TESTIMONY ON
HOUSE BILL 329, RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF

Before the House Committee on
FINANCE

by

THOMAS L. TRAVIS
Administrator, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA)

Aloha Chair Luke and Vice-Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) **supports** House Bill 329.

House Bill 329 Amends the Kauai flooding disaster relief appropriation made in Act 12, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, to include flood mitigation measures. Extends the lapse date of the appropriation to June 30, 2020. Exempts the appropriation from certain restrictions on transfers of or changes to appropriations.

During a recent site visit to Kauai, HI-EMA saw firsthand the devastation of the floods that are ongoing and there is still a very clear and present need for an extension to the appropriation.

Note: My comments represent HI-EMA concerns at the state emergency management level only. I would defer to the separate comment/testimonies of the county emergency management agencies, as they would be the jurisdictions impacted by this legislation at the local level.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 329.

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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Tuesday, February 26, 2019
1:30 P.M.**

State Capitol, Conference Room 308

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 329
RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF**

House Bill 329 proposes to amend the Kauai flooding disaster relief appropriation made in Act 12, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, to include flood mitigation measures, extend the lapse date of the appropriation to June 30, 2020, and exempt the appropriation from certain restrictions on transfers of or changes to appropriations. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

The Department sustained substantial damage to its facilities on Kauai due to the heavy rains and flooding events in April 2018. The Department received Act 12 funds for recovery response for several locations and facilities and is currently implementing these projects. The clarification of mitigation measures and additional time for our flood response work will be appreciated.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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DIRECTOR

February 25, 2019

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The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Finance
House of Representatives, Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

**SUBJECT: House Bill 329
Relating to Disaster Relief**

My name is Hirokazu Toiya, Director of the Department of Emergency Management (DEM), City and County of Honolulu (City). **DEM SUPPORTS** H.B. No. 329 which proposes to amend Act 12, Sessions Laws of Hawaii 2018. Act 12 appropriated disaster relief funds to Kauai and Oahu for flooding that occurred in April of 2018. Specifically, H.B. No. 329 clarifies the scope of the use of disaster relief funds for the County of Kauai to include mitigation measures and extends the lapse date of the appropriation to June 30, 2020. While DEM supports our sister County of Kauai in continuing their recovery efforts, DEM also has additional suggested amendments to this measure to allow for the continuation of recovery efforts and increase disaster resilience not only on Kauai but also on Oahu.

As the City continues our recovery from the damages caused by last April's flooding, we continue to be reminded of the vulnerabilities that we face as a community not only to flooding but to numerous other hazards. We will continue to recover and we will always work to improve our capabilities to respond to disasters, but we need to also reduce our long term vulnerabilities now so that we can reduce our future burden for response and recovery.

The Honorable Sylvia J. Luke, Chair
The Honorable Ty J.K Cullen, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Finance
February 25, 2019
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According to a report published in January 2018 by the National Institute of Building Sciences which reviewed results of federally funded mitigation grant programs from the past 23 years, every \$1 invested in mitigation can save \$6 in future disaster costs. While there continues to be federal funding available for mitigation, the availability of future funding remains uncertain and for those that are available, there are requirements to provide matching funds. I believe we have an opportunity to take action at the state and local levels to protect our people and communities.

The City is extremely grateful to the State Legislature and the Office of the Governor for providing the much needed support for our recovery efforts immediately after the floods that occurred in April of 2018. Should the Committee on Finance agree with the additional amendments DEM has proposed to H.B. No. 329 which would essentially extend the lapse date of the appropriation for the City to June 30, 2020 and authorize expenditures not only on recovery but all-hazard mitigation efforts across Oahu, the City can continue to work deliberately and carefully with our partners to implement cost effective measures to reduce our future vulnerabilities to disasters.

I have attached with my testimony suggested language to further amend H.B. No. 329. Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

Sincerely,



Hirokazu Toiya
Director

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Act 12, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, is
2 amended by amending sections 5 and 6 to read as follows:

3 "SECTION 5. (a) There is appropriated out of the
4 general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of
5 \$100,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for
6 fiscal year 2017-2018 to protect the health, safety, and
7 welfare of the people, and provide relief from disaster
8 damages, losses, and suffering caused by the
9 extraordinary weather event that produced torrential
10 rains and resultant flooding in the county of Kauai in
11 April 2018 [-] or to implement mitigation measures to
12 prevent and minimize the impacts of current or future
13 flooding in areas affected by the April 2018 flooding on
14 Kauai.

1 The sum appropriated shall be allotted to the
2 department of defense and expended by the adjutant
3 general solely for the express stated purposes of this
4 part; provided that the moneys appropriated pursuant to
5 this section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal
6 year for which the moneys have been appropriated;
7 provided further that any moneys appropriated pursuant to
8 this section that are unencumbered as of June 30, [~~2019,~~
9 2020, shall lapse on that date~~[-]~~; provided further that
10 the moneys appropriated pursuant to this section shall be
11 exempt from section 37-74(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

12 (b) As used in this section, "mitigation measures"
13 means the reduction of harm from future flooding events
14 through structural and nonstructural actions,
15 interventions, and investments.

16 SECTION 6. (a) There is appropriated out of the
17 general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of
18 \$25,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for
19 fiscal year 2017-2018 to protect the health, safety, and

1 welfare of the people, and provide relief from disaster
2 damages, losses, and suffering caused by the
3 extraordinary weather event that produced torrential
4 rains and resultant flooding in areas of the State other
5 than the county of Kauai in April 2018[-] or to implement
6 mitigation measures to prevent and minimize the impacts
7 of current or future natural or man-made events in
8 counties of the State other than the county of Kauai
9 affected by the April 2018 flooding.

10 The sum appropriated shall be allotted to the
11 department of defense and expended by the adjutant
12 general solely for the express stated purposes of this
13 part; provided that the moneys appropriated pursuant to
14 this section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal
15 year for which the moneys have been appropriated;
16 provided further that any moneys appropriated pursuant to
17 this section that are unencumbered as of June 30, [~~2019~~]
18 2020, shall lapse on that date[-]; provided further that

1 the moneys appropriated pursuant to this section shall be
2 exempt from section 37-74(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

3 (b) As used in this section, "mitigation measures"
4 means the reduction of harm from future natural or man-
5 made events through structural and nonstructural actions,
6 interventions, and improvements."

7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

State Budget; Disaster Relief; Kauai; Oahu; Flooding;
Mitigation; Extension of Appropriation

Description:

Amends the Kauai and Oahu flooding disaster relief appropriation made in Act 12, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, to include mitigation measures. Extends the lapse date of the appropriation to June 30, 2020. Exempts the appropriation from certain restrictions on transfers of or changes to appropriations.

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Testimony for FIN on 2/26/2019 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

DEREK S. K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

LATE

Testimony of Derek S.K. Kawakami
Mayor, County of Kaua'i

Before the
House Committee on Finance
February 26, 2019; 1:30 pm
Conference Room 308

In consideration of
House Bill 329
Relating to Disaster Relief

Honorable Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The County of Kaua'i is in **strong support** of HB 329 which proposes to amend the Kaua'i flooding disaster relief appropriation made in Act 12, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2018, to include flood mitigation measures. This measure also extends the lapse date of the appropriation to June 30, 2020, and exempts the appropriation from certain restrictions on transfers of or changes to appropriations.

As I previously expressed when I testified before the joint hearing of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the House Committee on Finance in January, I would like to acknowledge that Kaua'i County would not be where we are today without the support of Governor David Ige and the State Legislature. Act 12, which provide the funding of Kaua'i's flood recovery efforts, served as a beacon of hope when we needed it most.

As we remain in the midst of these important repairs, we believe now is the time to address further mitigation efforts for the long-term health, safety, and well-being of our community rather than rebuild at a level which may not be sufficient to withstand future emergency disaster scenarios. For the reason, we are asking the Legislature to broaden the scope of Act 12 to include mitigation efforts to prevent the same destructive effects from reoccurring.

As you may know, four months after our April floods, Kaua'i was hit by the remnants of Hurricane Lane causing more flooding and damage to our island and increasing the needs of infrastructure recovery. We humbly request that you also broaden the scope of Act 12 to also include recovery measures from this storm.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued support of the island of Kaua'i.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek S.K. Kawakami
Mayor, County of Kauai



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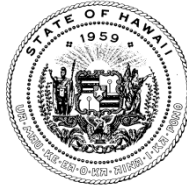
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Makaala Kaaumoana	Hanalei Watershed Hui	Support	No

Comments:

The Hanalei Watershed Hui strongly supports this measure and urges its passage. We are working very hard to better understand and address the storms of 2018 to be better prepared for future events. This is good economics.



TESTIMONY BY:

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February 26, 2019
1:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 308

H.B. 329
RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF.

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill.

The bill proposes to amend the Kauai flooding disaster relief appropriation made in Act 12, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, to include flood mitigation measures, to extend the lapse date of the appropriation to June 30, 2020 and to exempt the appropriation from certain restrictions on transfers of or changes to appropriations.

DOT supports this bill since all these amendments greatly enhance the effective use of the relief resources to achieve the appropriation's intent and will help reduce harm from future flooding events.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.