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**TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1553, HD 1, SD 1
RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY**

March 17, 2020

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 1553, HD 1, SD 1. This bill establishes the Hawaii State Fusion Center as a program under the Office of Homeland Security and establishes the state-funded position of Hawaii State Fusion Center Director to manage the Center's day-to-day operations and be accountable to the Director of Homeland Security.

The Hawaii State Fusion Center is vital to maintaining the security and integrity of our elections. They provide support relating to cybersecurity for our statewide voter registration system, as well as physical security and contingency planning. We have worked with the Hawaii State Fusion Center since the 2016 Elections and continue to work with them to ensure secure, accessible, and convenient election services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 1553, HD 1, SD 1.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1553 HD1 SD1
A BILL RELATED TO HOMELAND SECURITY

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA
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DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
AND DIRECTOR OF HOMELAND SECURITY

MARCH 17, 2020

Chair Senator Donovan Dela Cruz and Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran and members of the Ways and Means Committee.

I am Major General Kenneth Hara, Adjutant General, Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and Director of Homeland Security.

The Department of Defense provides the following testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB 1553 HD1 SD1.

HB 1553 HD1 SD1, with the additions to HRS Chapter 128 A, will solidify the Hawaii Fusion Center under the Office of Homeland Security and establish the Director, Hawaii State Fusion Center, exempt from Chapter 76.

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, such as, 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 that produce actionable intelligence products on emerging cyber incidents, risks, threats, events, or trends.

In addition to the support to and from law enforcement with the alert@hiorca.org portal, the Hawaii State Fusion Center works closely with all educational levels and security personnel to report school incidents, theft, threats, shootings, etc., on our www.safekeiki.org portal. Many of our local hotel security are also part of the www.hhvisa.org portal, where 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 HD1 SD1.

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PRESENTATION TO
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

BY

MS. DOLORES COOK
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MARCH 20, 2020

Chair Senator Donovan Dela Cruz and Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran and members of the Ways and Means Committee.

I am Dolores Cook, Administrator of the Office of Homeland Security. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB 1553 SD1.

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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 is one of 79 centers operating within National Network of Fusion Centers. Fusion centers are a key element of our homeland security because they improve partnerships at the state, local, and federal levels and help ensure better coordination of vital counterterrorism information. Annually, fusion centers are assessed for their ability to mitigate gaps in threat-sharing and reporting.

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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.

Case in point, the last three weeks, several agencies, for example, Lieutenant Governor, Department of Health, Hawaii Emergency Management, as well as our critical infrastructure partners, have relied on daily worldwide threat information the Hawaii State Fusion Center has collected and made available related to the COVID-19 virus. This timely information has supporting decision-making in keeping our state informed and safe.

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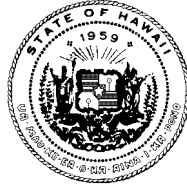
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Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill 1553 HD1 SD 1.

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March 16, 2020

TO: The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Senate Committee on Ways & Means

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 1553 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY**

Hearing: March 17, 2020, 2:16 p.m.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this bill. This measure is like administration measure HB 2333 HD2 noticed for hearing on March 17, 2020 before Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs. Other than technical and stylistic differences, the main difference between the measures is HB2333 HD2 amends section 76-16(b) to add the Hawaii state fusion center director as a permanent exempt position. DHS supports both bills and prefers HB2333 HD2.

PURPOSE: Establishes the Hawaii State Fusion Center as a program under the Office of Homeland Security and establishes the state-funded position of Hawaii State Fusion Center Director to manage the Center's day-to-day operations and be accountable to the Director of Homeland Security. Effective 1/28/2081. (SD1)

The Fusion Center and the Fusion Center Director are vital to the security, health, and well-being in Hawaii. The Fusion Center provides access to cross-sector and cross-government communication. DHS is a partner agency with the Fusion Center, and DHS staff actively participate in training and briefings that are easily accessible and available on a variety of issues. In the past year, DHS staff have attended training and discussions addressing cyber security, efforts of on-line law enforcement to identify sex trafficking, active shooter events, coronavirus

procedures, and debriefs of significant events to inform planning. In January, shortly after news of the coronavirus was emerging from China, DHS staff attended a presentation at the Fusion Center by the CDC Honolulu Region Division of Global Migration and Quarantine on CDC's procedures.

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



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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

**H.B. 1553, HD1, SD1
Relating to Homeland Security**

Decision Making Only
Tuesday, March 17, 2020
2:16 PM, Agenda Item # 6
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

David Rolla
Chief Information Security Officer
Director, Information Assurance
Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

My name is David Rolla and I am testifying on behalf of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. (Hawaiian Electric) **in support of H.B. 1553, HD1, SD1**, Relating to Homeland Security.

H.B. 1553, HD1, SD1 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.

As a provider of critical infrastructure, Hawaiian Electric is an active member of the HSFC. Hawaiian Electric leverages the resources of the HSFC to assist with detection, identification, and analysis of threats to the energy infrastructure. The partnership between Hawaiian Electric and the Hawaii State Fusion Center provides

essential information that is utilized as part of a comprehensive effort to mitigate vulnerabilities and protect sensitive customer and employee data.

Hawaiian Electric believes the Hawaii State Fusion Center plays an essential role in the protection of the State of Hawaii and its people, property, data, and critical infrastructure. Officially codifying 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-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/16/2020 7:41:07 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/17/2020 2:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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