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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
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

SUBJECT: House Bill 2333 Relating to Homeland Security

House Bill 2333 amends HRS128A to establish the Hawaii State Fusion Center in 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 across all levels of government as well as the private sector. The City and County of Honolulu Department of Emergency Management (DEM) **SUPPORTS** HB2333.

We live in a time of not only physical threats but growing concerns over cyber and technological related threats. Evaluating and analyzing information from law enforcement and homeland security agencies from all levels across the country as well as open source information available on the internet and providing actionable intelligence specific to Hawaii is no small task. Protecting our islands against cyber threats requires strong coordination and leadership across the whole community including critical infrastructure that provides the utilities and lifelines that we depend on every day. 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.

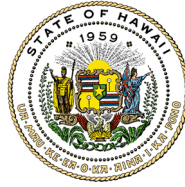
Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

Sincerely,

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Hirokazu Toiya
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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2333
A BILL RELATED TO HOMELAND SECURITY

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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

JANUARY 31, 2020

Chair Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair Cedric Asuega Gates, and members of the Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, and Military Affairs.

I am Major General Kenneth S. Hara, Adjutant General, Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Advisor. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB 2333.

The proposal of HB 2333, 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, 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 portal, the Hawaii State Fusion Center works closely with all educational levels and security personnel to report school incidents, theft, threats, shootings, etc., in our www.safekeiki.org portal. In addition, many of our hotel security are part of the 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 2333.

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DOLORES COOK
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The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
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Hawaii State Capitol, Room 430
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takayama and Members:

Subject: House Bill 2333 Relating to Homeland Security

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) strongly supports House Bill (HB) 2333. 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 2333 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
and Members
January 31, 2020
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2333.

Very truly yours,



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



TESTIMONY OF TINA YAMAKI
PRESIDENT
RETAIL MERCHANTS OF HAWAII
January 31, 2020

Re: HB 2333 RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY

Good morning Chairperson Takayama and members of the House Committee on Public Safety Veterans & 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 2333 Relating to Homeland Security**. This measure formally establishes the Hawaii State Fusion Center and the Center's Director position

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, as well as 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.

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Testimony for PVM on 1/31/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In favor of this measure.

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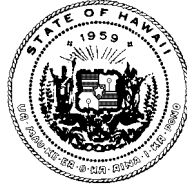
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Testimony for PVM on 1/31/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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January 30, 2020

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

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 2333 - RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY**

Hearing: January 31, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 430, State Capitol

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

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill 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 Fusion Center and the Fusion Center Director are vital to the security and 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 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 shooters, debriefs of significant events to inform planning, and most recently a presentation by the CDC regarding procedures in place to address the coronavirus.

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