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Testimony of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
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State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In SUPPORT of
SB 2887, SD1
RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 2887, SD1, which enhances the capacity of the government, relevant agencies, and the community to recover from the impacts of disasters and seeks to build resilience and sustainability by establishing the Long-Term Recovery Authority to work with the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator.

State, public, and private organizations all share in providing for the public's health and safety, including when preparing for disaster response and recovery. It is essential that the response, recovery, and mitigation activities of all parties, including the energy assurance and resiliency activities of the HSEO, be fully aligned on a statewide basis.

The HSEO supports the bill's objective of improving short-term restoration of essential community functions and long-term resilient rebuilding through improved coordination and collaboration.

The HSEO defers to other agencies on the budget considerations related to establishing the Long-Term Recovery Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2887 SD1,
RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS

By

Thomas L. Travis
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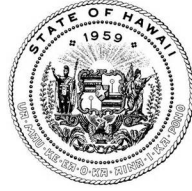
Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

Senate Bill 2887 SD1 establishes a Long-term Recovery Authority to work with the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator in enhancing the capacity of the government, relevant agencies, and the community to recover from the impacts of disasters and build resilience and sustainability in the State.

While the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator takes the lead regarding this measure, the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency **supports** Senate Bill 2877 SD1.

Thank you.

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Testimony of **Alexandra Slous**
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In consideration of
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RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

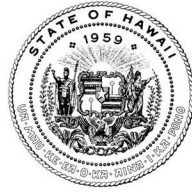
Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and committee members:

As the current state disaster recovery coordinator, I thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in Support for **Senate Bill 2887 SD1**.

Senate Bill 2887 SD1 proposes the establishment of a unified long-term recovery authority, inclusive of State and County government, community, and private sector representatives. Convened by the state disaster recovery coordinator, this leadership structure will help to facilitate recovery efforts statewide, beginning with support for recoveries currently under way and extending to mitigation of and building relationships and processes for future disaster scenarios.

In 2018, communities across the State were affected by major natural disasters, including Kaua'i and O'ahu flooding, the Kīlauea eruption and Hurricane Lane. Two out of three federally-declared disasters, primarily affecting Kaua'i and Hawai'i Counties, require long-term, complex planning and implementation involving many partners to recover.

Nearly two years after these incidents, federal recovery funds including FEMA Public Assistance and HUD Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery are still pending – and will take a multi-year process to spend down once available.



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Via **Senate Bill 2887 SD1**, the Governor's Office and the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency are prioritizing post-disaster coordination and pre-disaster planning to:

- Build State capacity to ensure holistic, inclusive and well-coordinated recoveries for past disasters; and
- Capture effective strategies and lessons learned for expedient application via a repeatable, State-level framework in future disasters

A State recovery framework, as a component of a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, is anticipated as an outcome of recovery planning and implementation in progress. The State framework will mirror frameworks currently in development at the County level with the goal of building complementary recovery leadership structures.

Centralized, clear, and well-organized coordination via the State is essential to support our local communities in off-setting the long-term, complex, and cross-jurisdictional nature of recovery.

Through the long-term recovery authority and the state disaster recovery coordinator, the State will be empowered to engage and maximize state agency and other relevant support, contribute strategic guidance, and provide financial oversight. These functions will help to ensure programmatic consistency and effective use of available funds, and to identify and address recovery unmet needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on **Senate Bill 2887 SD1**. On behalf of the Governor's Office and the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, we appreciate your attention and will be available to answer your questions, should you have any at this time.

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PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA
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FEBRUARY 25, 2020

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

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 SB 2887 SD1.

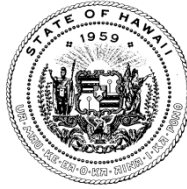
Senate Bill 2887 SD1 establishes a Long-term Recovery Authority to work with the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator in enhancing the capacity of the government, relevant agencies, and the community to recover from the impacts of disasters and build resilience and sustainability in the State. This critical bill will help ensure the recovery process is properly coordinated between the state and federal agencies at the highest levels.

While the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator takes the lead regarding this measure, the Department of Defense and its Hawaii Emergency Management Agency **Support** Senate Bill 2887 SD1.

Thank you.

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** establishing the long-term recovery authority (LTRA) to enhance the recovery from the impacts of disasters and coordinate the building of resilient communities by incorporating hazard mitigation in rebuilding. The LTRA will be guiding policy decisions and setting strategic direction for recovery planning to enhance the capacity of government, relevant agencies, and the community to recover from the impacts of disasters. The policies and strategies developed by the LTRA should improve coordination and collaboration in restoring essential community functions, such as transportation infrastructure.

The DOT as the transportation component for disaster response, recovery, and mitigation activities supports this effort to have key agencies aligned and coordinated.

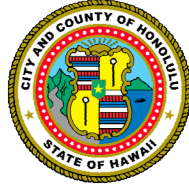
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2887, SD1
A BILL RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

BY,

JOSHUA STANBRO
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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

The City and County of Honolulu (“City”) Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency **strongly supports** Senate Bill 2887, SD1, which establishes a Long-Term Recovery Authority to work with the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator in enhancing the capacity of the government, relevant agencies, and the community to recover from the impacts of disasters and build resilience and sustainability in the State.

Recent disasters have highlighted the need for coordinated disaster recovery planning. With climate change increasing the frequency and severity of such events, the risks to our vulnerable island home are increasing. It is very appropriate to increase the focus on disaster recovery planning and enhance the capacity to deliver much needed support.

The City has hired a dedicated position to focus on long-term disaster recovery and is in the process of developing a long-term disaster recovery plan. The work that the Long-Term Recovery Authority will do along with the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator will synchronize with the work that the City is currently undertaking.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 2887, SD1.