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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2887 SD2,
RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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

BY

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Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Gates and Members of the Committee:

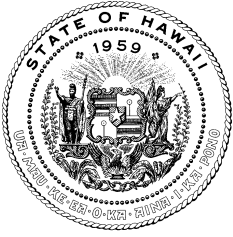
I am Major General Kenneth S. Hara, Adjutant General, Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Advisor. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in SUPPORT of SB 2887 SD2.

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 with coordination and visibility at the highest levels in the State.

While the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator takes the lead regarding this measure, the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency is in **Support** of Senate Bill 2887 SD2.

Thank you.

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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS
Friday, March 13, 2020
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 430

In SUPPORT of **SB 2887, SD2** **RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.**

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Asuega Gates, and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 2887, SD2, 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 and appropriating funds for 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 supports a near-term effective date for this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2887 SD2,
RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Before the House Committee on
PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS

By

Thomas L. Travis
Administrator, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA)

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Gates and Members of the Committee:

Senate Bill 2887 SD2 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 SD2.

Thank you.

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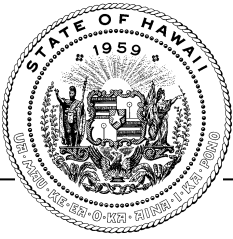
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Comments:

Important aspect that is often overlooked in the disaster recovery of communities in the aftermath of devastating social and economic impacts. Urge committee members to support and pass this measure.

Mahalo nui loa.



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Friday, March 13, 2020

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in consideration of

SB 2887, SD 2

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

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

The Office of Planning **supports** the intent of this measure offers the following **comments** on SB 2887, SD 2. In 2018, communities across the State of Hawai‘i were affected by flooding, hurricane, and volcano disasters resulting in major damage to land, homes, infrastructure, and the economy. Three federally declared disasters, primarily affecting Kaua‘i and Hawai‘i counties, require long-term, complex planning and implementation to recover.

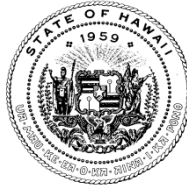
The Office of Planning supports the development of a long-term recovery authority to, among other responsibilities, recommend policy decisions and set strategic direction for resilient recovery planning. The Office of Planning finds that this long-term disaster recovery authority is complimentary to the long-range planning goals set in the purpose of the Hawai‘i State Planning Act (HRS §226-1) and the long-range comprehensive planning and coordination responsibilities described in HRS §225M-1.

The Office of Planning notes that the Hawai‘i State Legislature recently established the State’s Sustainability Coordinator position within the Office of Planning, pursuant to the Supplemental Appropriation Act of 2016. The Office of Planning further finds that the 2018 State of Hawai‘i’s Hazard Mitigation Plan recommended:

“Develop a Sustainability Program at the state-level, headed by the Sustainability Coordinator. Currently, the Sustainability Coordinator position is funded, but has no operating budget. Task Coordinator with developing the program, establishing a clearing house for sustainability information and initiatives, coordinate with departments and agencies, and track implementation of projects and programs.”

The Office of Planning’s Sustainability Coordinator looks forward to assisting this proposed long-term disaster authority and working in collaboration with the State’s Disaster Recovery Coordinator to recover from the impacts from disasters and build resilience and sustainability for the State of Hawai‘i.

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House Committee on Public Safety, Veterans and Military Affairs

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 is 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.