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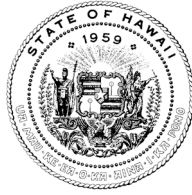
TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON SENATE BILL NO. 2889, SD 1
RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY

February 26, 2020

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2889, SD1. The purpose of this bill is to establish 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 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 Senate Bill No. 2889, SD1.



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Written Testimony of
DOUGLAS MURDOCK
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

SENATE BILL NO. 2889 SD1
RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY

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

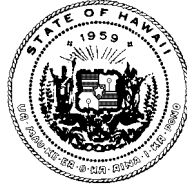
The Office of the Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) supports Senate Bill 2889 SD1, which establishes the Hawaii State Fusion Center as a program under the Office of Homeland Security and establishes the Hawaii State Fusion Center Director to manage the Center's day-to-day operations and be accountable to the Director of Homeland Security

The Hawaii State Fusion Center (HSFC) protects our communities and supports national security policy by facilitating the analysis, distribution, and sharing of criminal and terrorist activity intelligence and providing training and technology resources for local, state, and federal law enforcement, public safety, fire service, emergency response, public health, and public and private sector providers of critical services.

To carry out ETS' core mission to safeguard state government data and to protect the state government technology infrastructure, the ETS cyber security team works closely with the Hawaii State Fusion Center to exchange cyber threat and cyber incident information with federal, state, and local law enforcement and private sector homeland security partners. As a specific example, ETS and HSFC are partners with the Office of Elections to enhance physical and cyber security activities during the upcoming primary and general elections.

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

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February 24, 2020

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

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 2889 SD1 - RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY**

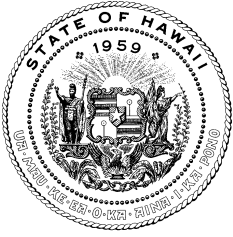
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Conference Room 211, State Capitol

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

PURPOSE: 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. (SD1)

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 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 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.



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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Wednesday, February 26, 2020
1:40 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In SUPPORT of
SB 2889, SD1
RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 2889, SD1, which 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 State Homeland Security statutes (Chapter 128A, Hawaii Revised Statutes) were enacted to provide a homeland security law to provide for all homeland security functions of the State and its counties. It is intended to ensure that the State will be adequately prepared to deal with terrorist attacks; preserve the lives and property of the people of the State; and to protect the public peace, health, and safety.

The Hawaii State Fusion Center supports these objectives by being the focal point for sharing local, national, and international information and context with the national level intelligence community. These functions and roles are critical to the State. We support this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

DAVID Y. IGE
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STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2889 SD1
A BILL RELATED TO HOMELAND SECURITY

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

BY

DOLORES COOK
ADMINISTRATOR
OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FEBRUARY 26, 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 SB 2889 SD1.

The proposal of SB 2889, 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 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.

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.

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.

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.

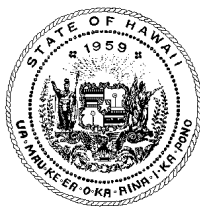
The intelligence analyst within the fusion center assist piecing together the disparate bits of information to form integrated views to produce actionable intelligence products on emerging cyber incidents, risk, threats, event, or trend.

In addition to the support to and from law enforcement with alert@hiorca.org portal, the Hawaii State Fusion Center works closely with the 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.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 2889 SD1.

Dolores Cook, Administrator, dolores.m.cook@hawaii.gov, 808-369-3570

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2889, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY.

by
Nolan P. Espinda, Director

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

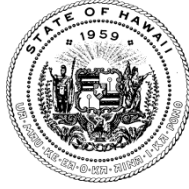
Tuesday, February 26, 2020; 1:40 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports Senate Bill (SB) 2889, Senate Draft (SD) 1, which proposes to establish the Hawaii State Fusion Center as a program under the Office of Homeland Security and establishes the position of the Hawaii State Fusion Center Director.

The Hawaii State Fusion Center is a significant resource for local, state, and federal agencies to come together with private entities to share information to protect the health, safety, and security of our citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



TESTIMONY BY:

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February 26, 2020
1:40 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 211

S.B. 2889, S.D. 1
RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill to include the Hawaii Fusion Center in the Office of Homeland Security. The vision of the fusion center is to share information to ensure law enforcement and security partners are equipped with the necessary tools to keep Hawaii and the Nation safe, secure and resilient.

The overall goal of the DOT is to facilitate the rapid, safe, and economical movement of people, goods and mail into, within, and out of the State by providing and operating transportation facilities and supporting services. The DOT currently has three (3) Divisions: Airports, Harbors, and Highways, and are regulated by various federal agencies to ensure compliance with environmental, health, safety, law enforcement, and security requirements.

Current events such as terrorism, active shooter, insider threat, human smuggling, and trespassing impact our three transportation divisions. By this bill, the DOT will continue to receive timely information, both classified and unclassified, from the Hawaii Fusion Center that may threaten our transportation sectors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Date: 02/26/2020

Time: 01:40 PM

Location: 211

Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2889, SD1 RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY.

Purpose of 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. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 2889, SD1.

The primary mission of the Hawaii State Fusion Center (HSFC) is to provide critical intelligence to Federal, State, and County law enforcement; emergency management; and safety/security agencies that would result in the proper preparation, mitigation, response, and recovery from all potential threats. The Department has established a strong, seamless, and transparent relationship with the HSFC and regularly interfaces with the HSFC during major safety and security incidents to include active threats affecting the Department's school campuses.

Additionally, the Department's participation helped the HSFC receive a Bureau of Justice Administration Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence grant that will help develop and establish a much needed threat assessment program in the Department. As a result of the partnership, many of the Department's leadership received vital Threat Assessment training by the United States Secret Service.

The Department is a key member of Threat Team Oahu alongside other first responders and behavioral experts. This ensures that top-notch law enforcement, emergency management, and community support are afforded to the Department's schools.

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

The Hawai'i State Department of Education is committed to delivering on our promises to

students, providing an equitable, excellent, and innovative learning environment in every school to engage and elevate our communities. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.

DAVID Y. IGE
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JOHN S.S. KIM
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FOR: SB 2889 SD1 Relating to Homeland Security
DATE: February 26, 2020
TIME: 1:40 P.M.
COMMITTEE: Committee on Ways and Means
ROOM: Conference Room 211
FROM: Yvonne Lau, Interim Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

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

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 2889 SD1**. This measure 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 Commission has worked with the Hawaii State Fusion Center on school safety and security initiatives; specifically, the Fusion Center has provided public charter schools with active shooter training, school violence assessments, and school violence mitigation techniques. The Fusion Center has also facilitated communication between public charter schools, the Commission, and law enforcement.

The Commission looks forward to continuing to collaborate with the Fusion Center and appreciates the inclusion of public charter schools in all of their school safety efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2889 SD1
A BILL RELATED TO HOMELAND SECURITY

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

BY

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

FEBRUARY 26, 2020

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

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 SB 2889 SD1.

SB 2889 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.

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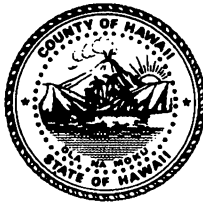
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The Hawaii State Fusion Center is an important part of Hawaii's Homeland Security and the protection of our citizens and visitors.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 2889 SD1.

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February 24, 2020

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Chairperson and Committee Members
Committee On Ways and Means
415 South Beretania Street, Room 211
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: SENATE BILL 2889, SD1, RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY

Dear Senator Nishihara:

The Hawai'i Police Department supports Senate Bill 2889, SD1, with its purpose to establish the Hawaii State Fusion Center as a program under the Office of Homeland Security and establish 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.

It is our strong belief that having a State agency whose primary mission is centered on serving as a focal point for collection, coordination, and risk assessment threats as they relate to our state as well as for potential Federal implications is in the best interests of both our Law Enforcement and general community. We further believe remaining vigilant of potential threats and ensuring proper plans are in place to deal with these threats are paramount strategies given today's global climate.

It is for these reasons, we urge this committee to approve this legislation.

Thank you for allowing the Hawai'i Police Department to provide comments relating to Senate Bill 2889, SD1.

Sincerely,

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PAUL K. FERREIRA
POLICE CHIEF

SB-2889-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:26:06 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/26/2020 1:40:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victor K. Ramos	Testifying for Maui Police Department	Support	No

Comments:

We join Kauai PD and Hawaii PD in support of this Senate Bill.

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February 26, 2020

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The Honorable Donavan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
and Members
Committee on Ways and Means
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 211
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

Subject: Senate Bill 2889, Senate Draft 1: Relating to Homeland Security

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) strongly supports Senate Bill (SB) 2889, Senate Draft (SD) 1. 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 of 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. SB 2889 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 Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
and Members
February 26, 2020
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 2889, SD 1.

Very truly yours,



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Manager and Chief Engineer

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February 25, 2020

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means
State Senate
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 2889, SD1 Relating to Homeland Security

Senate Bill 2889, SD1 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** SB2889, SD1.

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.

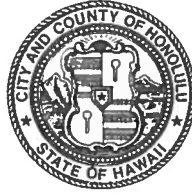
Sincerely,

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Hirokazu Toiya
Director

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February 26, 2020

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
and Members
Committee on Ways and Means
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415 South Beretania Street, Room 211
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Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2889, S.D. 1, Relating to Homeland Security

I am John D. McCarthy, Deputy Chief of the Field Operations of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD).

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 2889, S.D. 1, Relating to Homeland Security. This would amend Chapter 128A of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to establish a Hawaii State Fusion Center as a program under the Office of the Homeland Security and establish a Director for the Center. The Fusion Center already serves as a critical component in supporting law enforcement and aiding in investigations. Furthermore, the Fusion Center serves as the central point for information, intelligence and assessment in matters of public safety. By establishing the Center and creating its Director, the Center will have more purpose, meaning, and guidance to the entities that it serves.

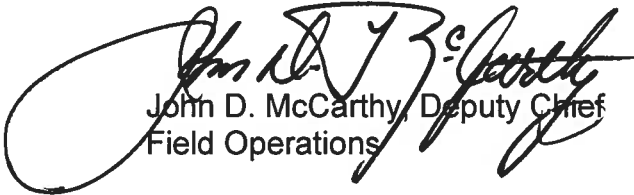
The HPD has begun to place an emphasis on the proper and most efficient ways to bring together information and intelligence in providing assessments to best serve our community. The Fusion Center will enhance our efforts and bring better protection to our state through the coordination and the leadership of its director. The residents of the State of Hawaii will surely benefit from the establishment of the Center and its Director.

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
and Members
February 26, 2020
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It is for these reasons that we urge you to support Senate Bill No. 2889, S.D. 1,
Relating to Homeland Security.

Thank you for allowing the HPD to provide written testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,


John D. McCarthy, Deputy Chief
Field Operations

APPROVED:



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February 25, 2020

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The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

The Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Senate Bill No. 2889 – Relating To Homeland Security

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

The Maui Police Department SUPPORTS the passage of S.B. No. 2889.

The established state fusion center locally in Hawaii under the Office of Homeland Security will provide a tremendous benefit with the collaboration of federal, state, local, and private entities to protect residents and visitors from imminent threats both from outside and within our communities.

Bridging the gap between our agencies under the Office of Homeland Security and at the same time becoming more resourceful and efficient in the process create a win-win situation for our state fusion center here in Hawaii.

The Maui Police Department asks that you SUPPORT the passage of S.B. No. 2889.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

TIVOLI S. FAAUMU
Chief of Police

SB 2889

RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan Delacruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, February 26, 2020
TIME: 1:40pm
PLACE: Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

SB 2889 codifies 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 center.

As an Infragard member, Hawaii State Chapter, as the former Homeland Security Coordinator for the US Postal Inspection Service, Honolulu District and also as the Business Manager for the Star Protection Agency, I strongly support the intent of this bill to establish, by law, the Hawaii State Fusion Center and provide for the position of Hawaii State Fusion Center Director. With its present Fusion Center leader, Mr. Paul Epstein, the Center has managed to truly provide a vehicle for seamless public-private collaboration with government that expedites the timely exchange of information and promotes mutual learning opportunities relevant to the protection of critical homeland security infrastructure in our State of Hawaii and the Pacific Basin.

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

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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

S.B. 2889, SD2

Relating to Homeland Security

Decision Making Only

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

1:40 PM, Agenda Item # 4

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 S.B. 2889, SD2**, Relating to Homeland Security.

S.B. 2889, SD2 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.

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SB-2889-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2020 12:09:22 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/26/2020 1:40:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk	Individual	Oppose	No

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