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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 3072 SD1,**  
**RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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

By

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

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) **supports the intent** of Senate Bill 3072 SD1.

Senate Bill 3072 SD1 requires statewide inventories of hospitals, dialysis centers and medical facilities; satellite phones; and generators to provide backup power. The measure also appropriates funds for positions related to emergency response planning and for non-perishable food in natural disasters.

HI-EMA appreciates the forward thinking of this measure to improve disaster preparedness and response. To address this adequately, HI-EMA needs additional resources. Only with the proper appropriations can the agency fulfill the requirements of SB 3072 SD1.

Also, the positions proposed here are not in the Governor's Office administrative budget.

Furthermore, the amendments of SB3072 SD1 do not take into consideration the changes made to Section 127A-3 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes after legislation was passed in 2019 in House Bill 993.

Note: My comments represent HI-EMA concerns at the state emergency management level only. I would defer to the separate comment/testimonies of the county emergency management agencies, as they would be the jurisdictions impacted by this legislation at the local level.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 3072 SD1.

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