

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

**TESTIMONY ON  
SENATE BILL 346, RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

Before the Senate Committee on  
**PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

By

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Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) ***supports the intent of*** Senate Bill 346.

Senate Bill 346 restricts the planting of large trees along evacuation routes and authorizes the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to identify large trees along evacuation routes and trim, spray, or remove large trees if the trees have the potential to obstruct the evacuation route. Defines evacuation route. Makes appropriations.

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 346.

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Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments: