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HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 572, HD1,
RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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

By

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Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair English and Members of the Committee:

House Bill 572, HD1 specifies that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency is an administratively attached agency to, rather than established within, the department of defense. Requires the governor to appoint the administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) **offers comments on** House Bill 572, HD1.

Although HI-EMA supports the intent of becoming an administratively attached agency or being part of an alternative organizational structure, this was an action that the Governor's Office wanted to address after the COVID-19 Incident had stabilized and we support this vision. We recommend that an implementation date be effective in 2022 to allow for further assessment, planning, and implementation.

We also would recommend that based on the legislation submitted that the Administrator position within HI-EMA be changed to a Director position to build on best practices and lessons learned from our partner organizations and from here in State.

HI-EMA would welcome a further discussion on this opportunity.

Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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