

SB-1107-SD-1

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Comments:

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**The State Legislature
Committee on Ways and Means
March 2, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

TO: The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair

RE: **SB 1107 SD 1, RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

My name is Keali'i Lopez. I am the State Director of AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization of people age fifty and over, with nearly 145,000 members in Hawai'i.

AARP supports SB 1107 SD 1 which establishes the hazard mitigation special fund for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

The elderly are disproportionate victims of natural disasters. That is why AARP has a keen interest in maximizing the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency's (HI-EMA) mitigation management capability. HI-EMA's ability to be timely in its response to mitigation strategies during natural disasters is in the best interest of kūpuna and all Hawaii residents.

This bill will modify HRS 127A-18 HRS by creating a new special fund that meets the definition of such a fund as found in 37-62 HRS. There are no costs associated with this change. We believe that it will allow the agency to better monitor its hazard mitigation projects and improve fund administration within HI-EMA.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1107 SD 1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keali'i Lopez".

Keali'i Lopez, State Director
AARP Hawai'i

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Dan Gardner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Passage of this legislation will allow the agency to better monitor its hazard mitigation projects and improve fund administration within HI-EMA.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
March 2, 2021
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Re: S.B. 1107 S.D.1 RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
AGENCY.

Aloha Chair. Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee,

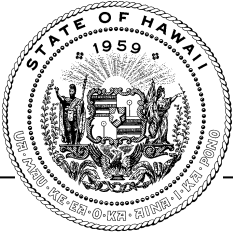
My name is Linda Dorset, as a citizen of Wailuku, Maui and a member of AARP. I thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding SB1107 S.D.1. I am concerned that the elderly are disproportionate victims of natural disasters. That is why I feel that establishing the Hazard Mitigation Special Fund is Important. It will allow the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency the ability to have both the capabilities and funding in place to reduce the lag time to deal with the impact on essential community lifelines, including energy and food security.

I understand this measure would provide funding to allow the agency to continue its work in cutting dangerous trees, clearing streams, or other natural hazards in advance.

Having an established funding mechanism in place can reduce the amount of time between identification of relevant hazard conditions and mitigation actions.

Thank you for your attention,

Linda Dorset



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Tuesday, March 2, 2021
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In SUPPORT of
SB 1107, SD1
RELATING TO HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) **supports** SB 1107, SD1, which establishes the Hazard Mitigation Special Fund to allow the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency the ability to monitor its own hazard mitigation projects.

Ensuring that the state, through the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, has both the capabilities and funding mechanisms in place in advance of a disaster to address all forms of hazard mitigation will have a positive impact on government and private sector infrastructure preparedness planning, and can improve response times following a disaster impacting essential community lifelines, including energy. Having an established funding mechanism in place can reduce the amount of time between identification of relevant hazard conditions and mitigation actions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.