



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 564,
RELATING TO HAWAII ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
BY

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APRIL 12, 2022

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of GM 564.

GM 564 appoints Ramona Curry as a member of the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management until June 30, 2025.

Mona has been serving as an interim member since November of 2021 and brings a depth of emergency management knowledge to the council.

Mona has served as an emergency management coordinator for the Los Angeles Police Department, has experience as a planner for mass notification exercises, and is a certified Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) Assessor.

As the number of natural and human-caused disasters in Hawaii increases, having the cooperation and council of someone with Mona's emergency management experience is invaluable.

We are grateful for the Governor's nomination and look forward to working with Mona on further emergency management topics and priorities throughout the coming years.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message 564.

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Comments:



April 7, 2022

Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

Dear Honorable Senators,

The Hau'ula Community Association supports the nomination of Ramona "Mona" Curry to the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management. Mrs. Curry brings with her a wealth of knowledge on matters relating to incident management, planning, training, responding, communications and all things emergency management.

She has volunteered with our Association and updated our Emergency Operations Plan for the Hau'ula community. She conducted site visits, interviewed community members and participated in a community meeting to seek input from our community members and to further engage them in planning for disasters.

Thanks to her expertise, willingness, drive and her follow through we now have an up to date emergency plan that we will soon be testing through a community exercise.

Mona is an asset to our community and she will also be an asset to the State of Hawaii and the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to phone 808-255-6944 or email dotty.kellypaddock@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Dotty Kelly - Paddock President

Hau'ula Community Association

April 7, 2022

Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

Dear Honorable Senators,

I support the nomination of Ramona “Mona” Curry to the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management. Mrs. Curry and I worked together in emergency operations planning for the community of Hau'ula. Mona has a demonstrated knowledge of planning for disasters and emergencies. Her background in emergency management is serving our community well in that she is a subject matter expert on not only planning but response, recovery, preparedness and mitigation.

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Sincerely,
Burton Greene
Former Leader in Establishing the Hau'ula Emergency Leadership Preparedness (HELP) Committee