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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2118, HD1
A BILL RELATED TO CYBERSECURITY

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY

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Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Clark, and Members of the Committee on Higher Education and Technology.

I am Frank Pace, Administrator for the Hawaii Office of Homeland Security. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB 2118, HD1.

The Office of Homeland Security supports HB 2118, HD1, which updates and provides clarification to reflect the existence of a statewide cybersecurity program administered by the Hawaii Office Homeland Security (OHS) and define the scope and objectives of the cybersecurity program to meet present and future cybersecurity threats. Additionally, it eliminates the cybersecurity, economic, education, and infrastructure security coordinator position – the programmatic responsibilities of this position having been integrated into other existing positions within OHS.

HB 2118, HD1 would provide a comprehensive programmatic approach to strengthening state and county cyber security to address present and future threats to public and private critical infrastructure. It would also improve the ability of the State to establish and grow programmatic mechanisms and develop state and county capabilities to identify threats and prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, or recover from cyber incidents, whether limited or of cascading impacts.

The delineation of responsibilities, previously situated in the singular coordinator position, amongst planning and operations and the Hawaii State Fusion Center in OHS, would allow for a more effective and holistic effort to meet the cybersecurity objectives of the State of Hawaii.

Establishing a programmatic approach will build the necessary framework and establish the policy-based guidance necessary to grow a statewide approach to benefit the public at large, the general business community, and critical infrastructure owners and operators in Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 2118, HD1.

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I am MG Kenneth S. Hara, Adjutant General, Director of Emergency Management, and Homeland Security Advisor. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB 2118 HD1.

HB 2118 HD 1 updates and provides clarification to reflect the existence of a statewide cybersecurity program administered by the Hawaii Office of Homeland Security (OHS) and defines the scope and objectives of the cybersecurity program to meet present and future cybersecurity threats. Additionally, it eliminates the cybersecurity, economic, education, and infrastructure security coordinator position. The programmatic responsibilities of this position have been integrated into other existing positions within OHS.

I support moving away from a single-position dependent cybersecurity approach because it establishes a broader, strategic programmatic approach for statewide cybersecurity. It will build the necessary framework and establish the policy-based guidance necessary to grow a statewide approach to benefit both the public at large and the general business community. It will also benefit critical infrastructure owners and operators in Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 2118 HD1.

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