

STATE OF HAWAII
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HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2119,
RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
PANDEMIC AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

BY

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FEBRUARY 3, 2022

Aloha Chair Ichiyama, Vice-Chair Eli, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB2119.

House Bill 2119 repeals chapter 128F, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS); and creates a new, appropriately designated chapter in the 127A series of HRS chapters to reincorporate the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

Through the authority of the Governor, the EMAC is implemented by the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, which is governed by chapter 127A, HRS. Having the EMAC terms and provisions moved into the emergency management series of HRS chapters provides concise, logical organization to the emergency management laws of Hawaii.

House Bill 2119 would align HI-EMA with best emergency management practices across the country.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 2119.

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PRESENTATION TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
PANDEMIC AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA
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DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
AND HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISOR

FEBRUARY 3, 2022

Chair Ichiyama, Vice-Chair Eli, and Members of the Committee on
Pandemic and Disaster Preparedness:

I am Major General Kenneth Hara, Adjutant General, Director of the
Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security Advisor.

The Department of Defense (DOD) provides written testimony in
SUPPORT of HB 2119.

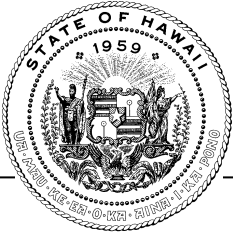
This measure, if passed would, repeals chapter 128F, Hawaii Revised
Statutes (HRS); and creates a new, appropriately designated chapter in
the 127A series of HRS chapters to reincorporate the Emergency
Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

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management series of HRS chapters provides concise, logical
organization to the emergency management laws of Hawai'i.

As the Director, I support the HI-EMA being aligned with best emergency
management practices across the country.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in Support of HB
2119.

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**SUPPORT
HB 2119
RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANGEMENT.**

Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Eli and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB 2119, which repeals chapter 128F, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) and creates a new, appropriately designated chapter in the 127A series of HRS chapters to reincorporate the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

EMAC offers assistance during governor-declared states of emergency or disaster through a responsive system that allows states to send personnel, equipment, and commodities to assist with response and recovery efforts in other states. Through EMAC states can share resources from all disciplines including energy. HSEO supports moving the EMAC statute in chapter 127A.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.