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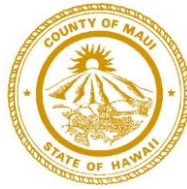
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Comments:

I think this bill would be very beneficial in responding to emergencies faster. It would really help especially those who are away from safety. Having a mobile emergency response communication, power, and water service will allow those that may be stranded at a certain location call for help, have power and water while waiting for help to come.

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TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL P. VICTORINO
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PANDEMIC AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
Thursday, February 4, 2021, 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 309

HB765 RELATING TO MOBILE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Chair
Honorable Stacelynn K.M. Eli, Vice Chair
Honorable members of the Committee on Pandemic and Disaster Preparedness

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of **HB765**.

This bill appropriates funds for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for the Hawaii emergency management agency to acquire mobile communications, water, and power service capabilities that can be deployed to each county as needed.

HB765 provides a much needed allocation of equipment that will assist us in serving the public during and after natural disasters. I strongly support the intent of HB765 in providing additional infrastructure resources so that we can be better prepared for any emergency.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of **HB765**.



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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 765,
RELATING TO MOBILE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Before the House Committee on
PANDEMIC AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

By

Luke P. Meyers
Administrator, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA)

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

House Bill 765 appropriates funds for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to acquire mobile communications, water, and power service capabilities that can be deployed to each county as needed.

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) **supports the intent** of House Bill 765.

While HI-EMA appreciates the assistance that this measure would provide, since it is outside of the Governor's budget, we feel other sources should be examined to fulfill this objective.

We have seen with recent incidents including the 2018 April Flooding, the 2019 Kilauea Volcanic Eruption, the 2019 Hurricane Lane, the 2019 Maui Fire, and the 2020-2021 COVID-19 Pandemic, that continuity of operations and related resources to implement the essential services can be impacted many ways by these threats. Creating a mobile cache capability and capacity to support these processes would be beneficial to the State operations. HI-EMA and/or other State administrative resources would have to be allocated to support the implementation and maintenance of this initiative.

Thank you.

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Testimony for PDP on 2/4/2021 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joe Hammond	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of this bill because this would be helpful especially in serious emergency situations. If this system can help with communicationg, having power and water it would be very beneficial.