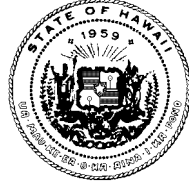


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TO: The Honorable Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 957 HD1 – RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY.**

Hearing: March 22, 2022, 1:05 p.m.
Via Videoconference, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this administration measure.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to establish the Hawaii State Fusion Center as a program under the Office of Homeland Security as described in chapter 128A, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Establishes the position of Hawaii State Fusion Center Director. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1) The HD1 amended the measure by defecting the effective date and making technical amendments.

The Fusion Center and the Fusion Center Director are vital to government services and residents' and visitors' security, health, and well-being. The Fusion Center provides access to cross-sector and cross-government communication and training on broad security issues.

DHS is a partner agency with the Fusion Center, and DHS staff actively participate in training and briefings that are easily accessible and available on a variety of issues. For example, DHS staff have attended training and discussions addressing cyber security, efforts of online law enforcement to identify sex trafficking, active shooter events, COVID-19 procedures, and debriefs of significant events for situational awareness and to inform planning.

In January 2020, shortly after news of the coronavirus emerged from China, DHS staff attended a presentation at the Fusion Center by the CDC Honolulu Region Division of Global Migration and Quarantine on CDC's procedures. Throughout the pandemic, the Fusion Center has continued to provide pandemic-related resources, awareness, and other security information and advice leading up to the 2020 election and the violent January 6, 2021 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Additionally, Fusion Center staff provided an important briefing to Emergency Support Function 6, which DHS co-leads with Hawaii Emergency Management for providers to conduct community vaccination clinics safely.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 957 HD1
A BILL RELATED TO HOMELAND SECURITY

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA
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March 22, 2022

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs.

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 957.

The proposal of HB 957, with the additions to HRS Chapter 128A will solidify the Hawaii State Fusion Center. One of the major functions of the fusion center is to share information ensuring our partners are equipped with the necessary tools to keep Hawaii and the Nation safe, secure and resilient.

The Hawaii State Fusion Center serves as a focal point for the state for the receipt, analysis, gathering and sharing of threat-related information between the federal, state, local, and private sector partners. Fusion centers are situated in the state to empower front line law enforcement, public safety, fire, emergency responders, public health, critical infrastructure protection and private sector security personnel to understand the implications of intelligence for and to the State. The fusion center provides interdisciplinary expertise and situational awareness to inform decision-making at all levels of government. The Hawaii State Fusion Center conducts analysis and facilitates information sharing by assisting law enforcement and homeland security partners in preventing, protecting against, and responding to crime, terrorism, and all-hazard incidents.

The fusion center collaborates among all levels of government to receive, analyze, and disseminate threat related information in coordination with intelligence partners by coordinating with the 16 critical infrastructure sectors and lifelines, for example, electric, water, food, gas, utilities, communications, etc.

The collaboration includes the integration of cyber related threat information, cyber-crime prevention and analytic capabilities to assist in identifying cyber threats and indicators to individual networks and systems.

The intelligence analysts within the fusion center assist piecing together the disparate bits of information to form integrated views to produce actionable intelligence products on emerging cyber incidents, risk, threats, event, or trend.

The Hawaii State Fusion Center works closely with all educational levels and security personnel to track certain school incidents, such as stranger-danger or threats of targeted school violence. In addition, the Hawaii State Fusion Center works with members of the visitor industry and with retail establishments to help them track threats against visitors and businesses.

The Hawaii State Fusion Center is an important part of Hawaii's Homeland Security and the protection of our citizens and visitors.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 957.

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Dear Chair Nishihara and Members:

Subject: House Bill 957, HD1: Relating to Homeland Security

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) strongly supports House Bill (HB) 957, House Draft (HD) 1. As a water utility serving almost one million residents and visitors, the BWS is designated as part of Hawaii's critical infrastructure by the Department of Homeland Security. The BWS recognizes potential terrorist threats may significantly impact the health, safety and livelihood of every resident and visitor on the Island of Oahu.

Safeguarding our operation from these potential threats is the reason the BWS has become a partner of the Hawaii State Fusion Center (HSFC) under the direction of the Hawaii Department of Defense, through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in June 2016. The MOU establishes efficient and timely sharing of information between two organizations to increase situational awareness of possible cyber-security issues and concerns.

With the current and actionable threat intelligence, coordinated and timely information dissemination, access to critical information sharing amongst Federal, State, County agencies and public-private entities is a critical component of our situational and operational programs for protecting against cyber and physical attacks. HB 957, HD1, provides the mechanism to provide the necessary staffing for the HSFC to become operational and to meet its intended mission.

Should the HSFC, its Center Director, no longer be in existence, the BWS would lose a valued partner and ally in its mission to provide safe, dependable and affordable water now and into the future.

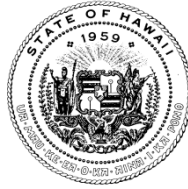
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 957, HD1.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ernest Y. W. Lau', written in a cursive style.

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RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill to formally establish the Hawaii State Fusion Center and the Center's Director position. The vision of the fusion center is to share information to ensure law enforcement and security partners are equipped with the necessary tools to keep Hawaii and the Nation safe, secure and resilient.

The overall goal of the DOT is to facilitate the rapid, safe, and economical movement of people, goods and mail into, within, and out of the State by providing and operating transportation facilities and supporting services. The DOT currently has three (3) Divisions: Airports, Harbors, and Highways, and are regulated by various federal agencies to ensure compliance with environmental, health, safety, law enforcement, and security requirements.

Current events such as terrorism, active shooter, insider threat, human trafficking, and trespassing impact our three transportation divisions. By this bill, the DOT will continue to receive timely information, both classified and unclassified, from the Hawaii Fusion Center that may threaten our transportation sectors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



**Hawaiian
Electric**

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

HB 957, HD 1

Relating to Homeland Security

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

1:05 PM, Agenda Item # 2

State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & via Videoconference

David Rolla

Chief Information Security Officer

Director, Information Assurance

Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee,

My name is David Rolla and I am testifying on behalf of Hawaiian Electric Company **in support of HB 957, HD 1**, Relating to Homeland Security.

HB 957, HD 1 proposes to establish the Hawaii State Fusion Center (“HSFC”) as a program in the Office of Homeland Security and establishes the position of Hawaii State Fusion Center Director who shall be state-funded, responsible to the Director of Homeland Security, and accountable to manage the operations of the Center.

As a provider of critical infrastructure, Hawaiian Electric is an active member of the HSFC. Hawaiian Electric leverages the resources of the HSFC to assist with detection, identification, and analysis of threats to the energy infrastructure. The partnership between Hawaiian Electric and the Hawaii State Fusion Center provides essential information that is utilized as part of a comprehensive effort to mitigate vulnerabilities and protect sensitive customer and employee data.

Hawaiian Electric believes the Hawaii State Fusion Center plays an essential role in the protection of the State of Hawaii and its people, property, data, and critical

infrastructure. Officially codifying the Hawaii State Fusion Center in statute recognizes the importance of this organization and provides necessary continuity for its operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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

Testimony of Jame K. Schaedel

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Support for House Bill No. 957, HD1 - Relating to Homeland Security

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in **support** for House Bill No. 957, HD1. This bill would codify the creation of the Hawai'i State Fusion Center into the Hawai'i Revised Statutes. This bill would further codify the position of director, and establish responsibilities for the center.

I offer this testimony as a private citizen.

The Hawai'i State Fusion Center is awesome. It is a proven asset which protects the citizens of Hawai'i. It is an important asset to share information and resources among law enforcement, defense and homeland security entities. It continues to adapt to 21st century crimes, such as cybercrimes which affect the vulnerable and especially kūpuna in Hawai'i. It has helped me perform my job more efficiently working for two state departments.

I strongly believe this bill is necessary to maintain a vital resource that is used to protect our state. I implore your Committee to pass this bill, un-amended, with a recommendation for passage on Second Reading.

Respectfully,

Jame K. Schaedel
Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i