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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1107, SD2,  
RELATING TO HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Before the House Committee on  
PANDEMIC AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

BY

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MARCH 16, 2021

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

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) **supports** Senate Bill 1107, SD2.

HI-EMA has had funding to implement entering property to remove dangers to public safety, after taking appropriate measures with the landowners. This funding is nearly exhausted, making the program mute.

This measure would provide funding and to slightly expand program authority to allow the agency to continue its work in cutting, trimming, or removing dangerous trees or branches that pose a hazard to public safety; stabilizing or removing unstable rock and soil hazards; and cleaning streams and waterways to mitigate or prevent flooding or other natural hazards. This measure would also create a special mitigation fund mechanism, which when funded will support state mitigation projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 1107, SD2.

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

I am Major General Kenneth S. Hara, Adjutant General, Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Advisor. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in SUPPORT of SB 1107, SD2.

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Available for questions.

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Colonel Stephen Logan will testify on behalf of the Department of Defense.