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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 1234

February 8, 2021
1:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference

RELATING TO PANDEMIC RESPONSE

The Department of Budget and Finance supports the passage of SB 1234. SB 1234 clarifies that the authorized use of CARES Act funds includes the purchase of industrial hygiene products and that state departments and attached agencies can receive personal protective equipment and industrial hygiene products purchased with this appropriation from CARES Act funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1234
A BILL RELATING TO RELATING TO PANDEMIC RESPONSE

PRESENTATION TO
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

BY

MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA
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FEBRUARY 8, 2021

Chair Jarrett Keohokalole, and Vice Chair Rosalyn H. Baker, and Members of the Committee.

I am Major General Kenneth S. Hara, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 1234.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on behalf of the Department of Defense which supports SB1234, Authorizing the use of funds appropriated from the emergency and budget reserve fund, from the amounts received by the State from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act, for the purchase and distribution of personal protective equipment and industrial hygiene products to state departments and attached agencies.

SB1234 clarifies the use of CARES ACT funds by including the purchase of industrial hygiene products and further allows state departments and attached agencies to receive personal protective equipment and industrial hygiene products.

Thank you for the opportunity to support SB1234. If you have any questions or need additional information to our response, please contact our administrative services officer Rusty Spray at (808) 330-7744 or at rusty.spray@hawaii.gov

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February 5, 2021

To: The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair,
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Health

Date: Monday, February 8, 2021
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Videoconference

From: Jovanie Domingo Dela Cruz, Executive Director
Office of Community Services - OCS

Re: S.B. No. 1234 RELATING TO PANDEMIC RESPONSE

I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

This measure seeks to authorize use of funds appropriated from the emergency and budget reserve fund, from the amounts received by the State from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act, for the purchase and distribution of personal protective equipment and industrial hygiene products to state departments and attached agencies. It would be effective retroactive to July 1, 2020.

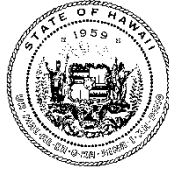
II. CURRENT LAW

Under current legislation, Act 9, SLH 2020, Section 30, the Legislature appropriated \$100 million of CARES Act funding out of the emergency and budget reserve fund established under HRS §328L-3, for the purchase and distribution of personal protective equipment to hospitals, childcare facilities, elderly care facilities, businesses, non-profits, and schools.

III. COMMENTS ON THE SENATE BILL

This bill would expand the current legislation to allow for the purchase of "industrial hygiene products" and would allow for purchases of all of these allowable products by "all state departments and attached agencies" in addition to the recipients already identified in current law. These expansions make the use of CARES Act funds more effective for the State, and OCS supports the bill for this reason.

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
HEALTH

February 8, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

SENATE BILL 1234
RELATING TO PANDEMIC RESPONSE

Chair Keohokalole, Vice-Chair Baker, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB1234. The State Procurement Office (SPO) supports this bill and provides the following comments.

Since March 2020, the SPO has been on board to support the emergency needs for the State of Hawaii during the declared pandemic by purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE) and industrial hygiene supplies that meet CDC requirements.

To date, the SPO has provided procurement services for over \$50,000,000 of CARES allocation as part of the HI-EMA logistics team by purchasing respirators, ventilators, cloth masks, goggles, face shield, gloves, gowns, booties, suits/coveralls, hand sanitizer, hand sanitizer stations, and disinfecting products. Close to 50% of all purchases were from local suppliers and manufacturers.

Thank you.



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Via Videoconference**

RE: SENATE BILL NO. 1234, RELATING TO PANDEMIC RESPONSE.

Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established to advocate for, expand access to, and sustain high quality care through the statewide network of Community Health Centers throughout the State of Hawaii. The HPCA **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill No. 1234, RELATING TO PANDEMIC RESPONSE.

The bill, as received by your Committee, would clarify that the \$100,000,000 appropriated out of the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund for fiscal year 2020-2021 to purchase and distribute personal protection equipment to hospitals, childcare facilities, elderly care facilities, businesses, non-profits and schools may also be used for the purchase of industrial hygiene products and for all State departments and attached agencies.

By way of background, the HPCA represents Hawaii Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). FQHCs provide desperately needed medical services at the frontlines in rural and underserved communities. Long considered champions for creating a more sustainable, integrated, and wellness-oriented system of health, FQHCs provide a more efficient, more effective and more comprehensive system of healthcare.

When our citizens first became infected with COVID-19 in February 2020, Hawaii's social safety net was not prepared. Basic necessities such as surgical and N-95 masks, gowns, shields, and other personal protection equipment (PPD) quickly became scarce. For our 15 FQHCs, very limited resources became stretched to the breaking point forcing providers to limit the provision of health care services in some instances.

I'm pleased to say that the system did not shut down because of the dedication and selfless actions of providers working with community leaders, legislators, the Governor and his Administration, and the Mayors and their Administrations to keep the safety net afloat.

It cannot be overstated that these actions saved countless lives in Hawaii.

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While the supply of PPE has stabilized due in large part to the efforts of the Department of Defense and private partners, among others, there are additional types of PPEs that can be utilized as well as other workers who can make use of these important tools. Accordingly, this bill would provide the State with additional flexibility to utilize very limited funds previously appropriated for best use. Because of the, the HPCA wholeheartedly supports this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Public Affairs and Policy Director Erik K. Abe at 536-8442, or eabe@hawaiiipca.net.



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Date: 02/08/2021

Time: 01:00 PM

Location: Via Videoconference

Committee: Senate Health

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 1234 RELATING TO PANDEMIC RESPONSE.

Purpose of Bill: Authorizes use of funds appropriated from the emergency and budget reserve fund, from the amounts received by the State from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act, for the purchase and distribution of personal protective equipment and industrial hygiene products to state departments and attached agencies. Effective retroactive to 7/1/2020.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of SB 1234.

The Department has relied heavily on obtaining sufficient supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and industrial hygiene items from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA). HI-EMA has played a vital and critical role in the purchasing and distribution of the Department's PPE needs.

The opening of schools for in-person learning while ensuring the safety and health of its employees and students would be virtually impossible without the procurement of adequate supplies of PPE and industrial hygiene items from HI-EMA.

In 2020, the Department obtained over \$6 million of PPE and industrial hygiene supplies, the great majority of which were provided through HI-EMA at no cost to the Department. In addition, another \$4.8 million of PPE and industrial hygiene supplies were purchased directly by the schools using their local budgets.

As the pandemic continues, PPE and industrial hygiene supplies are needed to prevent outbreaks and keep students, teachers, and families safe through healthy practices, such as wearing face masks, washing hands, and maintaining social distance.

The Department estimates the costs for PPE and industrial hygiene products at approximately \$1 million per month in order for schools to safely return to in-person learning and achieving its academic mission.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1234, particularly the dedicated funding it would provide for PPE and industrial hygiene products for Hawaii's public schools

The Hawai'i State Department of Education is committed to delivering on our promises to students, providing an equitable, excellent, and innovative learning environment in every school to engage and elevate our communities. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.

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S.B. 1234
RELATING TO PANDEMIC RESPONSE

Senate Committee on Health

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** S.B. 1234, which provides much needed funding for the continued acquisition and use of personal protective equipment and industrial hygiene supplies, for state agencies and departments in response to the ongoing pandemic conditions, which continue to pose challenges to maintaining governmental operations throughout our State.

The particular text which provides for the clear inclusion of these Executive Branch organizations to be among the targets for the continued supply of these items, through the request-for-assistance system established by the State's Department of Defense, is sincerely appreciated by the DOT.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.