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HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 3087, SD1
RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
PANDEMIC & DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

BY

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB 3087, SD1.

Senate Bill 3087, SD1 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).

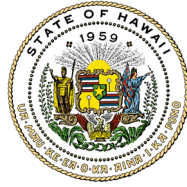
Through the authority of the Governor, the EMAC is implemented by the Hawaii'i Emergency Management Agency, which is governed by chapter 127A, HRS. Having the EMAC terms and provisions moved into the emergency management series of HRS chapters provides concise, logical organization to the emergency management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

Senate Bill 3087, SD1 would align HI-EMA with best emergency management practices across the country. This measure is expected to have no fiscal impact.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 3087, SD1.

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Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Eli, and Members of the Committee on Pandemic & 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 SB 3087, SD1.

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

I support the logical alignment of the HI-EMA with best emergency management practices across the country. Moving EMAC terms and provisions into the emergency management series of HRS chapters provides concise, logical organization to the emergency management laws of Hawai'i.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of of SB 3087, SD1.

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