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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1037  
RELATING TO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND  
MILITARY AFFAIRS AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

BY

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MARCH 17, 2023

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Elefante, Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Gabbard and members of the committees.

I am Major General Kenneth Hara, Adjutant General, Director of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, and Homeland Security Advisor, State of Hawaii, Department of Defense

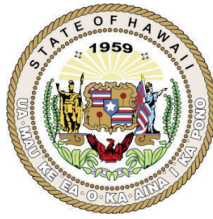
The Department of Defense (DEF) provides written testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB1037.

This measure updates language in Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 128A, Part II regarding the Statewide Interoperable Communications Coordinator (SWIC) as part of the migration of the Office of Homeland Security to the Department of Law Enforcement effective January 1, 2024.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB1037.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1037, HD. 2  
RELATING TO STATEWIDE  
INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS  
Before the Senate Committee on  
Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
Friday, March 17, 2023; 3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol Conference Room 225, via video conference  
**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) supports House Bill 1037, HD2.

This bill is a housekeeping measure to accurately reflect the migration of the Office of Homeland Security from the Department of Defense to the DLE on January 1, 2024.

This bill is needed accurately reflect the location of the Statewide Public Safety Interoperable Communications functions of the Office of Homeland Security.

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

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BY EVERETT S. KANESHIGE  
STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

MARCH 17, 2023

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Gabbard and members of the committees:

My name is Everett Kaneshige, and I am the Statewide Interoperable Communications Coordinator with the Office of Homeland Security at the State Department of Defense.

The Office of Homeland Security provides written testimony in SUPPORT of HB1037.

This measure, if passed, updates the language in Chapter 128A, Part II of the Hawaii Revised Statutes regarding the statewide interoperable communications executive committee and the statewide interoperable communications coordinator as part of the migration of the Office of Homeland Security to the Department of Law Enforcement.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in SUPPORT of HB1037.

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**HB-1037-HD-2**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Will Caron	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB1035, HB1036 & HB1037. No to the Homeland Security Fusion Center; no to militarization of police forces; no to the police state.