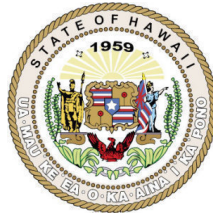


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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1493
RELATING TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS
TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS AND CYBERSECURITY DATA CENTER

Before the House Committee on Water & Land

Thursday, February 2, 2023; 9:30 a.m.

State Capitol Conference Room 430

Testifiers: Jordan Lowe or Michael Vincent

Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Poepoe, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) strongly supports House Bill 1493.

This bill appropriates funds for the development of the First Responders Technology Campus and Cybersecurity Data Center which will be located at the First Responder Technology Campus.

Members of the Legislature and county and state first responder agencies have been working on the development of this location as a home for City and County and state first responder agency offices, with state-of-the-art training facilities designed to accommodate residential training opportunities. The ability to provide consistent uniform training for first responders will ensure that every county is staffed with the best trained personnel. The co-location of emergency response agencies will help support coordination of event, emergency, or disaster response efforts. The site will also afford a level of security for these agencies, including the cybersecurity data center, that cannot be found in other locations.

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

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DATA CENTER BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

BY

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FEBRUARY 1, 2023

Aloha Chair Ichiyama, Vice-Chair Poepoe, and members of the committee:

I am Frank Pace, Administrator for the Hawai'i Office of Homeland Security.

The Office of Homeland Security (OHS) provides written testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB1493.

The proposal to relocate critical infrastructure for State and County first responders, and data systems is a necessary step in building resiliency. Current facilities are vulnerable to natural disasters and no longer meet the needs of our agencies. Investing in a permanent, state-owned facility is a crucial step towards ensuring the safety and preparedness of our first responders.

The First Responders Technology Campus, is a solution that will resolve these challenges. This new facility will provide critical partnerships for our first responders as they coordinate joint trainings and responses, while being located outside of the inundation zone.

The commitment from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Hawaii Army National Guard, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Public Safety, and Department of Law Enforcement, as well as

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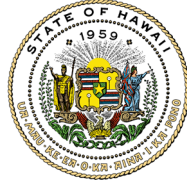
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interest from federal agencies, demonstrate the public safety community's dedication to this proposal. The coordination and collaboration between these agencies will be instrumental in ensuring the success of this project.

This proposal is a step towards a safer and more prepared future for our first responders and communities. I urge you to support this proposal and invest in the safety and preparedness of our first responders.
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB1493.

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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON **WATER AND LAND**

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Aloha Chair Ichiyama, Vice-Chair Poepoe, and members of the committee:

I am James Barros, Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA).

The HI-EMA provides written testimony to **SUPPORT** House Bill 1493.

HB1493 appropriates funds for the development of the First Responder Technology Campus and Cybersecurity Data Center. When complete, the campus would provide facilities serving multiple agencies, including our own.

The existing headquarters complex for HI-EMA at Diamond Head dates to World War I, which creates complications and costs that impact our ability to fulfill our mission.

HI-EMA has been the beneficiary of federal and State funding that has advanced the design process that ultimately could deliver a new State Emergency Operation Center, with the eventual site envisioned at the First Responder Technology Campus. The campus site is situated out of the hurricane and tsunami inundation zone and would enable a more flexible and modern approach to emergency management.

We ask for your support of this bill, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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**RELATING TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS AND CYBERSECURITY
DATA CENTER**

Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the Committee.

The Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **supports** HB1493 that appropriates funds for the development of the First Responders Technology Campus and Cybersecurity Data Center (FRTC).

HTDC supports initiatives aimed at growing tech and innovation jobs. HTDC has been working on the planning and design of the campus and is submitting the final Environmental Impact Statement for approval. The project is scheduled to begin site work and groundbreaking in the upcoming fiscal year. HTDC is working with the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism and the Hawai'i Community Development Authority on the FRTC. The project may provide a good opportunity to leverage available federal funding.

HTDC supports this request provided it does not impact the priorities in the administration's budget. Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.