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H.C.R. 40
REQUESTING THAT THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
ESTABLISH A TWO-YEAR TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS KEY FINDINGS
VALIDATED BY THE 2022 RESILIENCY ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE HAWAII
MARITIME TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL RESILIENCY ASSESSMENT
PROGRAM PROJECT AND PLAN RESILIENCY ENHANCEMENTS.

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this resolution that establishes a task force to act on findings in the Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP) report from 2022.

DOT concurs and affirms that the state's commercial harbors system is vital to the State's supply chains and is critical in providing goods to Hawai'i's residents. While the RRAP identified widely known risks, it is prudent to take further action to prepare action plans to address these risks. We look forward to working with other members of the task force to mitigate these risks and prevent prolonged interruption of port operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 40
REQUESTING THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO ESTABLISH
A TWO-YEAR TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS KEY FINDINGS AND IMPLEMENT
RESILIENCE ENHANCEMENT OPTIONS FROM THE 2022 RESILIENCY
ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE HAWAII MARITIME TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL
RESILIENCY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM PROJECT

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

JAMES DS. BARROS
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HAWAI'I EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

APRIL 12, 2023

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Elefante, and members of the committee:

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

HI-EMA provides written testimony in **SUPPORT** of HCR40.

HCR40 requests that the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, in conjunction with Department of Transportation's Harbors Division, establish a two-year task force to work with local, state, federal and private parties to address key findings validated by the July 2022 report of the Hawai'i Maritime Transportation Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP) project, and plan for related resiliency enhancements.

The Port of Honolulu is a vital link in Hawai'i's statewide supply chain, accounting for roughly 90% of imported and exported goods and serving as a transfer hub for nearly all goods bound for the neighbor islands. Although Pearl Harbor and Daniel K. Inouye International airport provide some supply-chain capacity, manmade or a natural disaster that impacts the Port of Honolulu would have adverse impact on the entire state of Hawai'i.

To provide resilience throughout our critical supply network, HI-EMA supports robust planning for port enhancements, alternative supply chain configurations, and other improvements to protect the critical infrastructure of Hawai'i. This resolution aligns closely with HI-EMA's vision of a path forward toward maritime transportation resiliency, and we enthusiastically support it.

We respectfully ask this committee to support HCR40 as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Testimony of the Hawaii Harbor Users Group
Support of HCR40
Before the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
April 14, 2023

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Harbor Users Group (HHUG) is a non-profit maritime transportation industry group comprised of key commercial harbor users statewide. HHUG supports HCR40, which requests the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to address key findings validated by the 2020 Resiliency Assessment Report of the Hawaii Maritime Transportation Regional Resiliency Assessment Program Project and plan resiliency enhancements.

As an island state, Hawaii is very dependent upon our commercial harbors to ensure the continued and unimpeded flow of cargo in and out of our State. It is estimated that over 90 percent Hawaii's imported goods pass through our commercial harbors, including consumer goods, motor vehicles, construction materials, and fuel. Given the critical role of our commercial harbors, it is imperative that the State support dependable and efficient cargo transportation and handling to service our residents and businesses. These resolutions would encourage resiliency for our harbors.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support.

Matson Navigation Company, Inc.
Support of HCR40
Before the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
April 14, 2023

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

Matson Navigation Company, Inc. (Matson) supports HCR40 and HR44, which requests the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to address key findings validated by the 2020 Resiliency Assessment Report of the Hawaii Maritime Transportation Regional Resiliency Assessment Program Project and plan resiliency enhancements.

As an island state, Hawaii is very dependent upon our commercial harbors to ensure the continued and unimpeded flow of cargo in and out of our State. It is estimated that over 90 percent Hawaii's imported goods pass through our commercial harbors, including consumer goods, motor vehicles, construction materials, and fuel. Given the critical role of our commercial harbors, it is imperative that the State support dependable and efficient cargo transportation and handling to service our residents and businesses. These resolutions would encourage resiliency for our harbors.

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