

STATE OF HAWAIʻI KA MOKUʻĀINA O HAWAIʻI

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### STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON GENERAL MEASURE RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE STEPHEN F. LOGAN

### BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

### JOHN P. ALAMODIN DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

MARCH 5, 2025

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

I am John P. Alamodin, Director, Office of Veterans Services, State of Hawaii, Department of Defense

The Office of Veterans Services (OVS) provides written testimony in **SUPPORT** of GM 644.

I am John P. Alamodin, Director, Office of Veterans Services, State of Hawaii, Department of Defense

The Office of Veterans Services (OVS) provides written testimony in **SUPPORT** of the nomination for confirmation of Major General Stephen F. Logan, Adjudant General.

This nomination is in accordance with Article V, Section 6 of the Hawaii State Constitution. The State Adjutant General in Hawaii is the senior military leader of the Hawaii National Guard, overseeing both the Hawaii Army National Guard and the Hawaii Air National Guard, acting as the Governor's primary military advisor, and

STEPHEN F. LOGAN MAJOR GENERAL ADJUTANT GENERAL KA 'AKUKANA KENELALA

JOHN P. ALAMODIN LIEUTENANT COLONEL DIRECTOR KA LUNA HO'OKELE managing the state's emergency response operations, including the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and the Office of Veterans Services; essentially serving as the executive head of the state Department of Defense. As The Adjutant General (TAG), Major General Logan has responsibility for the state's National Guard plus a unique set of other responsibilities defined by the state's constitution, state statutes, and other state-level directives. In addition to their state responsibilities, each TAG is responsible to the federal government for the use and care of federal assets under the state's control.

Pursuant to Chapter 363, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Hawaii Office of Veterans' Services has main offices at the Tripler Army Medical Center and the Daniel K. Akaka Department of Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic. We are responsible for development and management of policies and programs related to Veterans', their dependents, and/or survivors. OVS acts as a liaison between the Governor and veterans' organizations and between the Department of Veterans Affairs and individual veterans. OVS has counselors and support staff on Kauai, Oahu, Maui and in East and West Hawaii. OVS also manages the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe.

Major General Logan is deeply involved with various Veterans groups and organizations in the community and is a staunch advocate to ensure that Veterans of all eras are supported and receive the requisite recognition and benefits afforded to them in deep gratitude for their service. Despite the expanse of responsibilities as the TAG, Major General Logan makes the effort and takes the time necessary to fully understand the details and nuances of issues that impact the safety and well-being of our communities and State.

As I also continue to serve in the Hawaii Army National Guard as a Lieutenant Colonel and Chief of Behavioral Health, I see upclose how he leads by example to be the consummate Citizen Soldier for service members in the Hawaii National Guard. Major General Logan is steadfast in his expectations of how service members should best represent the Nation and State in uniform, in addition to ensuring that each service member receives the requisite training and support to carry out duties and responsibilities. These leadership traits were especially evident as the State navigated the impacts of natural disasters, the COVID pandemic, and the Maui Wildfires Recovery efforts. Major General Logan will continue to work and to serve tirelessly and ensure our communities and the State will effectively navigate the complexities of any challenge.

If confirmed, Major General Logan will serve admirably in all duties and responsibilities as The Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

John P. Alamodin, john.p.alamodin@hawaii.gov

SYLVIA LUKE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



JADE T. BUTAY DIRECTOR

WILLIAM G. KUNSTMAN DEPUTY DIRECTOR

## STATE OF HAWAI'I KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS KA 'OIHANA PONO LIMAHANA

February 27, 2025

To: The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and

Members of the Public Safety and Military Affairs Committee

Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 225, State Capitol

From: Jade T. Butay, Director

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: G.M. 644, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department

of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEPHEN LOGAN, for a term to expire

12-07-2026

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations **strongly supports** the confirmation of Stephen Logan as the Adjutant General of the Department of Defense.

General Logan worked to the rank of Lieutenant with the Honolulu Police Department for 22 years before joining the Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) as a State Army Aviation Officer to Brigade Level Commander. In 2019 he joined the Hawaii Department of Defense as its Deputy Adjutant General while concurrently serving as General of the HIARNG where he helped lead in the response to wildfires, storms, volcanic eruptions, the COVID-19 pandemic, and other emergencies.

The Adjutant General position is an immensely challenging job, one that demands an experienced and tested leader. General Logan knows that the best way to manage risk is by taking a proactive approach to reducing risk, increasing resiliency, and creating the capability to respond to new and emerging threats. He knows from experience that he must ensure that the state's entire emergency response network is a well-oiled machine and are well coordinated with one another in order to help people before, during, and after disasters.

General Logan brings a wealth of first-hand knowledge and experience to the role that will leave our state better prepared to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 644.





### STATE OF HAWAII

### KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAI'I **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

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STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAWAI'I EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 644 RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

JAMES DS. BARROS ADMINISTRATOR HAWAI'I EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

MARCH 5, 2025

Aloha Chair Elefante, Vice-Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony to **SUPPORT** GM 644.

The Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA) is privileged to support the nomination of Major General Stephen F. Logan for the position of Adjutant General of the state of Hawai'i and the Director of HIEMA. With a distinguished military career spanning over 30 years, MG Logan embodies the leadership, dedication, and operational excellence required for this pivotal role.

His operational assignments include commanding multiple units, showcasing his ability to lead in high-pressure environments. His extensive flight experience as a Master Army Aviator, with nearly 2,000 flight hours across various aircraft, further exemplifies his commitment to excellence and safety.

In addition to his military contributions, MG Logan has made significant contributions to public safety as a retired Lieutenant with the Honolulu Police Department. His leadership as a Patrol Watch Commander and recognition with the Bronze Medal of Valor underscore his dedication to serving the community.

#### STEPHEN F. LOGAN MAJOR GENERAL

ADJUTANT GENERAL KA 'AKUKANA KENELALA

JAMES DS. BARROS ADMINISTRATOR OF **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** KAHU HOʻOMALU PŌULIA

With his proven track record of operational leadership and commitment to community safety, MG Logan is notably qualified to lead the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, ensuring that our state is prepared for any crisis while fostering collaboration between military and civilian emergency response efforts.

We recommend Major General Stephen F. Logan for the role of Adjutant General for the state of Hawai'i and Director of HIEMA, confident that he will bring exceptional leadership and strategic vision to our state and nation.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to express our strong support and consideration for this nomination and to provide testimony for Governor's Message 644.

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**KEITH A. REGAN** COMPTROLLER KA LUNA HOʻOMALU HANA LAULĀ

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### STATE OF HAWAI'I | KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES | KA 'OIHANA LOIHELU A LAWELAWE LAULĀ

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### WRITTEN TESTIMONY

OF

# KEITH A. REGAN, COMPTROLLER DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO THE

### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

MARCH 5, 2025, 3:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 225 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 644

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, STEPHEN LOGAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026.

Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 644.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) <u>supports</u> the Governor's nomination of Stephen Logan to be the Adjutant General for the Department of Defense (DOD).

General Logan's career in public safety began while serving as a Metropolitan Police Officer for the Honolulu Police Department (HPD). During his career with HPD, he served as an officer, Sergeant and Lieutenant/Watch Commander. Upon his retirement from HPD, he continued his public service as Commander, Aviation Officer, Chief of Staff, and Deputy Adjutant General for the Hawai'i Army National Guard

(HIARNG). Since October 2024, he has been seving as the State's Adjutant General.

General Logan's multiple leadership roles within HPD and HIARNG is a testament to his leadership abilities and commitment to public service in Hawai'i.

General Logan's experience and skills gained over his long career in public safety and the military make him an ideal candidate to lead the DOD. In addition to his knowledge and understanding of public safety and military affairs, General Logan is trained and has disaster response and emergency management experience, making him an excellent choice for the position of Adjutant General of the State of Hawai'i. It is for these reasons that I humbly request your consideration and vote in support of his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

SYLVIA LUKE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR I KA HOPE KIA'ĀINA





### STATE OF HAWAI'I | KA MOKU'ĀINA 'O HAWAI'I **DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES** KA 'OIHANA KUMUWAIWAI 'ĀINA

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### Testimony of DAWN N. S. CHANG Chairperson

**Before the Senate Committee on** PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS Wednesday, March 5, 2025 3:00 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 225 and videoconference

### In consideration of **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 644** SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO POSITION OF ADJUTANT GENERAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE **GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, STEPHEN LOGAN** FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 7, 2026

Governor's Message 644 submits for consideration and confirmation, Stephen Logan, to the position of Adjutant General to the Hawai'i Department of Defense. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this nomination.

Major General Logan brings over forty (40) years of police and military experience to the position of Adjutant General. He has ten (10) years of special expertise in administration and personnel management with the National Guard including time already served as the current Adjutant General. Major General Logan also has extensive field experience as an Officer with the Honolulu Police Department and the Hawaii National Guard, serving in positions of increasing responsibility at both agencies.

Major General Logan also has actual disaster response/emergency management experience, having served as the Dual Status Commander for the Joint Task Force-50 in response to the 2023 Maui Wildfires. He also served in the Dual Status Command Joint Task Force -50 in response to the Puna Lava Flow disaster and the Covid-19 pandemic.

Major General Logan is well qualified by education, training and experience for the position of Adjutant General.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Major General Stephen Logan.

DAWN N.S. CHANG
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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JOSH GREEN, M.D. GOVERNOR OF HAWAI'I KE KA'ĀINA O KA MOKU'ĀINA 'O HAWAI'I



### STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH KA 'OIHANA OLAKINO

P. O. BOX 3378 HONOLULU, HI 96801-3378 In reply, please refer to:

### TESTIMONY OF KENNETH S. FINK, MD, MGA, MPH DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
March 5, 2025
3:00 PM
Conference Room 225

GM 644 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEPHEN LOGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

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

The Department of Health (DOH) **supports** GM644, relating to the consideration and confirmation of Major General Stephen F. Logan's appointment as The Adjutant General of the Department of Defense (DOD) and Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA).

Major General Logan possesses a wide range of leadership experience which he amassed over 40 years through education, specializing in military studies and criminal justice, and hard work. His military service is international with his deployment to Afghanistan, and close to home where he served as the Dual Status Commander of Joint Task Force – 50 in response to the Maui wildfires.

DOH respectfully asks for your consideration and support of Major General Logan's nomination to serve as The Adjutant General at the DOD and as HI-EMA

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Director. His extensive military, law enforcement, disaster response, and emergency management experience make him an ideal and qualified appointee for these positions.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.

SYLVIA LUKE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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## STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE Ka 'Oihana Mālama Mo'ohelu a Kālā

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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY LUIS P. SALAVERIA DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

### TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 644

March 5, 2025 3:00 p.m. Room 225 & Videoconference

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, STEPHEN LOGAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026.

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

I strongly support the appointment of Major General Stephen Logan to the position of adjutant general of the Department of Defense. I am working with Major General Stephen Logan in my professional capacity as Director of Finance.

Governor Green's administration shares his priorities of homelessness and housing, the cost of living, climate change, and health care for the people of Hawai'i. We are committed to take action to make the needed changes to move Hawai'i forward.

Major General Logan is an integral part of a team that is dedicated to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Major General Logan has been serving as adjutant general since October 2024. Prior to that he was deputy adjutant general since December 2019 and concurrently served as Commanding General of the Hawai'i Army National Guard from October 2021 to August 2024. Major General Logan's military experience and knowledge of the department will benefit the State; therefore, I support his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



#### STATE OF HAWAI'I | KA MOKU'ĀINA 'O HAWAI'I

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## TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE NO. 644 RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF STEPHEN LOGAN AS THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

by Tommy Johnson, Director

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 5, 2025; 3:00 p.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 225 & Via Video Conference

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

I submit testimony in very strong support of the nomination and confirmation of Major General Stephen Logan as the Adjutant General, Department of Defense for a term ending December 7, 2026. General Logan has a diverse and wide-reaching military background spanning more than two decades.

General Logan's previous work experience in military auditing, acquisition, logistics, certified defense finance manager, disaster response and emergency management make him the ideal candidate to serve as Adjutant General.

He possesses prerequisite expertise, in-depth knowledge, honed leadership and managerial skills, interpersonal, and decision-making skills required for the position.

I strongly urge the committee to recommend advice and consent for this highly qualified nominee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in very strong support for Governor's Message No. 644 and Major General Logan.



#### **STATE OF HAWAII** KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAI'I

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

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March 2, 2025

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TRISTA SPEER
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
KA HOPE LUNA HO'OKELE

TO: The Honorable Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair

Senate Committee on Public Safety

FROM: Ryan I. Yamane, Director

SUBJECT: GM 655 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department of

Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEPHEN LOGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-

2026. (Position corrected by GM648).

Hearing: March 5, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

Conference Room 225 & Videoconference, State Capitol

<u>DEPARTMENT'S POSITION</u>: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the nomination of Major General Stephen F. Logan as the Adjutant General of the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense.

<u>PURPOSE</u>: Section 26-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), provides that the Adjutant General of the State of Hawaii leads the Department of Defense, that is responsible for the defense of the State and its people from mass violence, originating from either human or natural causes. The Adjutant General also serves as the Director of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA) per Chapter 127A, HRS.

Governor Green appointed Major General Stephen F. Logan to the position of Adjutant General of the State of Hawaii in October, 2024. Prior to his appointment, Major General Logan served as the Assistant Adjutant General since 2019 and has the knowledge and command experience to lead the State's emergency management agency.

During his tenure as Assistant Adjutant General, Major General Logan supported then Adjutant General Kenneth Hara as HIEMA led the State's response and recovery to a number of emergency management incidents, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2023 Maui Wildfires disaster. As Maui Wildfire recovery efforts continue and with his institutional knowledge, the nomination of Major General Logan as Adjutant General ensures a smooth transition and the continuity of leadership.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this nomination.



JOSH GREEN, M.D. GOVERNOR

## Testimony of **Josh Green, M.D.**Governor, State of Hawai'i

### Before the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 3:00 p.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 225, and Videoconference

### In consideration of Governor's Message No. 644

Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs:

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of Governor's Message No. 644, appointment of Stephen Logan as The Adjutant General of the State of Hawai'i.

General Logan's distinguished career reflects his deep commitment to public service. He dedicated 22 years to the Honolulu Police Department, rising to the rank of Lieutenant before transitioning to the Hawai'i Army National Guard (HIARNG). Over the years, he has served in key leadership roles, including State Army Aviation Officer and brigade-level commander. In 2019, he joined the Hawai'i Department of Defense as Deputy Adjutant General while concurrently serving as General of the HIARNG. His leadership has been instrumental in navigating Hawai'i through crises such as wildfires, storms, volcanic eruptions, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

General Logan has consistently demonstrated the expertise, sound judgment, and decisive leadership necessary for managing emergency response efforts. His ability to communicate effectively—with integrity and charisma—further reinforces his capacity to lead with confidence and competence.

Major General Logan's military education includes the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; Command and General Staff Officer Course from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Combined

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Arms Service Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Aviation Officer Advanced Course at Fort Rucker, Alabama; Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course, Fort Rucker, Alabama; the Maintenance Manager/Maintenance Test Pilot Course at Fort Eustis, Virginia, and the Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia.

For these reasons, we urge the confirmation of General Logan.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 644.



STATE OF HAWAII KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAI'I

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE KA 'OIHANA PILI KAUA

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STEPHEN F. LOGAN MAJOR GENERAL

ADJUTANT GENERAL

KA 'AKUKANA KENELALA

### STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### **TESTIMONY ON GM 644**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

### BRIGADIER GENERAL PHILLIP L. MALLORY DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL

MARCH 3, 2025

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

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on GM 644 in **STRONG SUPPORT** of MG Logan's appointment to the Department of Defense as Adjutant General.

MG Logan has over 40 years of service in the Hawaii National Guard. He has served in numerous positions of increased authority from platoon leader all the way to Commanding General of the Hawaii Army National Guard, and then Deputy Adjutant General. Additionally, he is a highly decorated officer, a seasoned aviator and has deployed in the defense of our Nation to Afghanistan.

MG Logan's military education includes the United States Army War College, Command and General Staff Officer Course, and he is a certified Dual Status (Title 10 and Title 32) Commander. Further, he holds a Master of Strategic Studies, a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, and is a retired Metropolitan Police Lieutenant from the Honolulu Police Department.

MG Logan has been at the forefront of the State's response in our most recent emergency situations. During the pandemic, MG Logan was thrust into the role of Acting Adjutant General and performed flawlessly. He's also performed as a commander during the lava floes on the Big Island. Most notable were his duties as the

Dual Status Commander of Joint Task Force – 50 in support of the State of Hawaii Wildfire Response that devastated the county of Maui. Through these experiences, MG Logan has developed trust and confidence from civil authorities and elected officials in all counties.

Most importantly, MG Logan is a man of complete integrity. His decision making is sound. His wealth of experience, wisdom, and crisis proven leadership make him an absolute must as the Adjutant General. I am honored to serve under his command.

The State of Hawaii and its people deserve an Adjutant General with the qualities of a leader such as MG Logan.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Brig Gen Phillip L. Mallory, Phillip.l.mallory@hawaii.gov; 808-672-1003



STATE OF HAWAI'I | KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAI'I

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No. #2025-0059

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE NO. 644
RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF STEPHEN LOGAN
TO BE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
by
Mike Lambert, Director

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 5, 2025; 3:00 p.m. State Capitol Conference Room 225 & Via Videoconference

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

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

I submit this testimony in support of the nomination and confirmation of Major General Stephen F. Logan to be the Adjutant General for the Department of Defense (DOD). Major General has extensive work experience in the Hawai'i Army National Guard earning his way to Major General. His military education earned him a Master of Strategic Studies the enhanced his superior leadership positions. His work in Afghanistan on the Security Forces Assistance Advisory Team, his work on state missions, and most notably, his leadership with the response to the Maui wildfire shows his dedication to the people of Hawai'i.

Major General Logan's impressive accomplishments, accolades, and commitment to the security of Hawai'i deserves the support and trust in his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 644 and I humbly ask that you confirm the appointment of Major General Stephen Logan as the Adjutant General for the Department of Defense.

JOSH GREEN, M.D. Governor

> SYLVIA LUKE Lt. Governor



SHARON HURD
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### State of Hawai'i **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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### TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025 3:00 PM CONFERENCE ROOM 225 & VIDEOCONFERENCE

**GOVERNORS MESSAGE NO. 644** 

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEPHEN LOGAN, to the position of Adjutant General for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Stephen Logan as Adjutant General of the Department of Defense (DOD). Adjutant General Logan has held leadership positions in the military for over 20 years and is committed o continuing his contributions to the State through his emergency management and joint planning experience.

Respectfully requesting your vote to confirm the nomination of Stephen Logan to serve in the position of Adjutant General in the DOD. He is qualified, well-respected, and the right person for the position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





SYLVIA LUKE LT. GOVERNOR

DIRECTOR



### DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**

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Testimony of JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA Director

Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism before the

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 3:00 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 225

> In consideration of **GM 644**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEPHEN LOGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

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

I support the appointment of Major General Stephen Logan to serve as the Adjutant General, Department of Defense. Since Major General Kenneth Hara's retirement, Maj. Gen. Logan has been leading the Department of Defense, overseeing the military operations and administration for the state – including the Hawai'i Army National Guard. Hawai'i Air National Guard, Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, Office of Veterans Services, and the Youth Challenge Academy.

Maj. Gen. Logan is a combat veteran who served honorably in the military for more than 40 years. He also served as a National Guard soldier with positions in the Honolulu Police Department and retired as a Metropolitan Police Lieutenant. Maj. Gen. Logan was previously the Deputy Adjutant General since December 2019 and the Commander of the Hawai'i Army National Guard since October 2021 and was a key component of the department's success.

Most recently, he served as the dual status commander of the Hawai'i National Guard's Joint Task Force 50 which responded to the Maui wildfires. His educational background Testimony of James Kunane Tokioka GM 644 March 5, 2025 Page 2

includes a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's degree in Strategic Studies.

With Major General Logan's extensive experience in disaster response and emergency management and his exceptional leadership throughout his career thus far, I am in strong support of his nomination as the Adjutant General for the State of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer my support.



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Before the

#### SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 3:00 PM Conference Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

**GM 644** 

## SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, STEPHEN LOGAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026

Honorable Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in <u>STRONG SUPPORT</u> of GM 644, to consider and confirm Mr. Stephen Logan to the position of Adjutant General of the Department of Defense.

I am honored to be working alongside with him in Governor Green's Administration. He is an integral part of a team that is committed to addressing the many issues facing our State and I believe that he will be able to effectively fulfill his role through his life experiences and professional expertise.

There is no doubt in my mind that he will continue to bring a fresh perspective on how to deliver services, improve the experience of those we serve, and strive to maximize taxpayer dollars efficiently and effectively.

The HPHA urges the Committee to pass GM 644 and confirm Mr. Stephen Logan to the position of Adjutant General of the Department of Defense.



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### Statement of BRENNA H. HASHIMOTO

Director, Department of Human Resources Development

#### Before the

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 3:00 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of **GM644** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department of Defense,
Gubernatorial Nominee, STEPHEN LOGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

(Position corrected by GM648)

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

The Department of Human Resources Development (HRD) supports the nomination and confirmation of Major General Stephen Logan as the Adjutant General for the Department of Defense.

General Logan has proven to be a dedicated public servant and has considerable knowledge of the department, state government operations, and the military. In addition to his considerable experience within the Department of Defense, he has also held leadership roles within local law enforcement and the military, which have prepared him well to serve as Hawaii's Adjutant General.

In the few months I have had the opportunity to work with General Logan as the acting Adjutant General, he has been responsive and proactive in addressing workforce and staffing concerns that are in line with DHRD's priorities. I appreciate his partnership and look forward to continuing the positive working relationship with the DOD leadership as we work together on future projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



SYLVIA LUKE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR | KA HOPE KIA'ĀINA

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### **Testimony of Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs**

Before the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs Wednesday, March 5, 2025 3:00 PM **Conference Room 225, and Via Videoconference** 

### G.M. 644 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, **GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, STEPHEN LOGAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026**

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

My name is Nadine Y. Ando, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the confirmation of Stephen Logan to Adjutant General for the Department of Defense (DOD).

General Logan's extensive experience in military leadership, emergency management, and financial administration makes him highly qualified to lead both the Department of Defense and the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a consistent commitment to the safety and security of the people of Hawaii.

As the Adjutant General, General Logan has served with distinction and is exceptionally qualified to continue in this role. His command experience is broad, including leadership of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and the 103rd Troop Command. These roles showcase his ability to effectively lead large and diverse organizations, ensuring readiness for both domestic and overseas operations.

His leadership of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, which included approximately 2,140 Soldiers from the Hawaii Army National Guard, Arizona, and Guam, underscores his ability to command a large and geographically dispersed organization. Additionally, his previous command of the 103rd Troop Command, included aviation, engineering, public affairs, and musicians, highlights his ability to manage diverse units with varying missions. His leadership during the JRTC Rotation 23-8.5, where he coordinated 4,100 Soldiers from more than 24 states and territories, further exemplifies his skill in bringing together large, multi-state teams.

Major General Logan has demonstrated strong leadership, experience, and dedication necessary for this position. His extensive experience and leadership make him an ideal candidate for the Adjutant General for the Department of Defense.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SYLVIA LUKE LT. GOVERNOR



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### TESTIMONY OF GARY S. SUGANUMA, DIRECTOR OF TAXATION

### **TESTIMONY ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

In consideration of G.M. No. 644

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, Stephen Logan

#### **BEFORE THE:**

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 5, 2025

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 225

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

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of the confirmation of Mr. Stephen Logan as the Adjutant General of the Department of Defense (DOD).

I believe Mr. Logan's prior law enforcement and military experience, his past leadership role with the DOD as its Assistant Adjutant General, and his current role leading the DOD as the Adjutant General, makes him uniquely qualified and an excellent candidate to continue leading the DOD. He is a proven leader who is very passionate about his work. I urge this committee to allow Mr. Logan to continue his role as the DOD Adjutant General.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 644.

### HAWAI'I NATIONAL GUARD OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT STAFF

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### STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### TESTIMONY ON GOVENOR MESSAGE 644 RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

BRIGADIER GENERAL WALTER R. ROSS, JR.
DIRECTOR
JOINT STAFF, HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD

MARCH 4, 2025

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

I am Brigadier General Walter Ross, Director of the Joint Staff, Hawaii National Guard, State of Hawaii, Department of Defense.

I am presenting this testimony in strong **SUPPORT** of GM644.

I am proud to express my strong support for Major General Stephen F. Logan as the Adjutant General of the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense (TAG). His decades of dedicated military and law enforcement service reflect an unwavering commitment to the defense and safety of our beautiful state and our great nation. MG Logan embodies the leadership qualities, integrity, and resilience necessary for this critical role. I am confident that his vision and dedication will significantly enhance the stability and security of our beloved state.

For more than 25 years, I have had the distinct honor of observing MG Logan's remarkable leadership and unwavering commitment to safeguarding our state and defending our nation. He has an extraordinary ability to inspire those around him, igniting a sense of purpose and igniting passion among his team members. He creates an environment where each individual feels valued and empowered to reach their full potential. His leadership style artfully blends straightforwardness with genuine compassion, fostering a strong sense of unity and teamwork. This atmosphere of collaboration and trust is vital for achieving our state and national goals, making him an indispensable asset in these challenging times.

MG Logan's prominent and varied career spanning both the military and the Honolulu Police Department equips him with unique insights and skills that make him exceptionally suited for the role of TAG. He has a proven track record of transforming intricate, multifaceted information into clear, actionable strategies, demonstrating a remarkable ability to make sound decisions under intense pressure. His sharp analytical mind allows him to dissect complex situations, while his calm demeanor in chaotic moments enables him to evaluate circumstances with exceptional clarity and respond effectively. MG Logan embodies

professionalism and integrity, consistently providing truthful and impartial insights. These essential qualities are not only admirable; they are critical for this vital leadership role in a department that significantly impacts our state's direction and well-being.

MG Logan is a shining example of professionalism, character, and an unwavering work ethic, drawing from his extensive experience in both the military and law enforcement. He embodies the core values of honor, courage, and commitment, serving as a leader and an inspiration to everyone around him. His relentless drive for excellence is evident in every task he undertakes, and his steadfast dedication to his responsibilities cultivates an environment rich in accountability and exceptional performance. Those who serve alongside and for him feel motivated to reach their highest potential, reflecting the ideals he exemplifies.

MG Logan is not only a phenomenal leader but also a paragon of integrity and moral character. His resilience is awe-inspiring in the face of adversity; he consistently meets challenges with unwavering determination while remaining true to his principles. Furthermore, his remarkable adaptability and ability to excel in diverse and demanding environments will be invaluable assets to the State of Hawaii Department of Defense, ensuring that it functions both cohesively and efficiently. He possesses the vision and foresight necessary to synchronize efforts across the department and throughout the state.

Considering the numerous and increasingly complex threats confronting our state and nation—from escalating geopolitical tensions and sophisticated cyber threats to the rise of domestic instability—it is crucial that MG Logan serve as TAG. His extensive qualifications, characterized by a wealth of experience in military leadership and a steadfast dedication to protecting our state and national interests, position him for this vital role. With a proven ability to inspire teams and forge collaborative partnerships, I am confident that MG Logan possesses the integrity, strategic vision, and unwavering determination required to serve as TAG to safeguard Hawaii and make it safer, stronger, and more prosperous.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

BG Walter R. Ross, Jr., waltrer.r.ross2.mil@army.mil; 808-844-6087

### **GM-644**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/5/2025 3:00:00 PM

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#### Comments:

Major General Logan has dedicated an impressive 44 years to serving the Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG), including a notable tenure as our Deputy Adjutant General (DAG) for the past five years. On October 1, 2024, he ascended to the Adjutant General (TAG) role, marking a significant milestone in his extensive career.

Throughout his time with the HIARNG, Major General Logan has accomplished many remarkable feats, including his leadership as the dual-status commander for Joint Task Force 50 during the critical response to the devastating Maui wildfires. His decisive actions and strategic oversight during this emergency exemplified his commitment to the community's well-being and the Guard's effectiveness in times of crisis.

In addition to his role as a commander, he has served as the Commanding General of the HIARNG, where he has played a pivotal role in shaping the organization's mission and values. Major General Logan has established strong and constructive relationships with the leadership of all counties across Hawaii and has collaborated closely with emergency management officials. His ability to build partnerships rooted in trust and mutual respect has made him a respected figure in the military and civil sectors.

Major General Logan has consistently acted as a passionate advocate for the state of Hawaii, tirelessly promoting the interests and needs of its residents. Under his leadership, the HIARNG has addressed immediate concerns and laid a foundation for future resilience and cooperation among various agencies and community stakeholders. His exemplary service continues to inspire those within the organization and the citizens of Hawaii.

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TO: Senator Brandon J.C. Elegante, Chair

Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

FROM: Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor

DATE: March 2, 2024

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR GM644

Aloha,

I am writing to express my strong and unwavering support for Major General Logan in his continued leadership as the State Adjutant General. His leadership has been vital in our emergency response efforts since August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023; and his impact continues to be felt today.

During the Maui wildfires, in his then-role as Deputy Adjutant General, he played a critical role in leading response efforts. His decisive actions, coordination of National Guard resources, and ability to navigate complex logistical challenges were instrumental in providing immediate and sustained relief to affected communities. His leadership during that crisis not only helped stabilize the situation but also demonstrated his ability to lead under immense pressure—ultimately earning him his current position.

Under his direction, the National Guard has provided invaluable support, ensuring the safety and well-being of our communities through checkpoint operations, emergency shelters, helicopter water drops, and the efficient transport of critical supplies. However, beyond these large-scale efforts, what stands out most is his deep commitment to individual community members. His leadership has ensured that those in need—families, elders, and vulnerable individuals—receive timely and essential support. His compassion and dedication have directly touched the lives of so many, offering reassurance in times of uncertainty.

Major General Logan is not only a steady and respected leader but also someone who understands that emergency response is about people first. His ability to coordinate large-scale logistics while ensuring that individual needs are met reflects the kind of leadership our state needs in this role.

I wholeheartedly support his appointment and urge your consideration of his continued service as the State Adjutant General. Please do not hesitate to reach out if I can provide any further insight.

Sincerely,

Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.

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### THE HONORABLE BRANDON J.C. ELEFANTE, CHAIR SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawai'i

March 3, 2025

### RE: G.M. 644; RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE STEPHEN LOGAN

Chair Elefante, Vice-Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu ("Department") submits the following testimony in **strong support** of Gubernatorial Nominee, Major General Stephen F. Logan.

My name is Steven Alm and I am the Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu. I am writing in support of Major General Stephen F. Logan, nominated for the position of Adjutant General to the Department of State, State of Hawai'i. I have known and worked with General Logan for many years and cannot think of a better candidate for this position. I appreciate your time on this matter.

As a retired Lieutenant with the Honolulu Police Department, General Logan is keenly aware of the issues and challenges facing our law enforcement community in Hawai'i and has served on several state missions in support of local authorities, including the State of Hawai'i Wildfire Response that destroyed Lahaina, Maui.

In addition, General Logan, with the men and women of Hawai'i National Guard, has assisted our drug interdiction efforts by providing us with Counterdrug assets and intelligence analysis. Throughout all of my dealings with him, General Logan is smart, professional, amicable and tenacious.

In summary, General Logan is a consummate "public servant," and his critical thinking, adaptability, self-discipline, and communication skills will serve him well as

Adjutant General. General Logan has the intellect, temperament, and discipline to tackle the challenges that he will face as Adjutant General for the Department of Defense, State of Hawai'i.

For the foregoing reasons, I <u>strongly support</u> Gubernatorial Nominee Major General Stephen F. Logan. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in this matter.

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March 5, 2025

The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs State Senate Name415 South Beretania Street, Room 225 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Elefante:

SUBJECT: Governor Message No. 644, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEPHEN LOGAN, for a term to expire December 7, 2026. (Position corrected by GM 648)

I am Arthur J. Logan, Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu. I also served as the 20<sup>th</sup> Adjutant General of the Department of Defense, State of Hawai'i.

I am honored to provide this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the nomination of Major General (MG) Stephen F. Logan for confirmation as the Adjutant General of the Department of Defense, State of Hawai'i.

I have had the privilege of knowing MG Logan for his entire life, as he is my brother. I have also had the tremendous opportunity to serve alongside Steve as a member of the Hawai'i Army National Guard and as a police officer with the HPD. Steve served over twenty years with the HPD, rising to the rank of Lieutenant. During this time, Steve was well liked by the department and well respected by those who served alongside him and led. I retired after more than 41 years of service in the Hawai'i Army National Guard, and I watched my brother, Steve, ascend the ranks and hold positions of larger and greater responsibilities.

Steve possesses all the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to lead the State Department of Defense, which he garnered in his 44 years of service. He was able to hone this extensive experience while serving in various staff and command positions and culminating during the past two and half years filling in as the acting Adjutant General for an extended period of time.

The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair March 5, 2024
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MG Logan has led the state through many natural disasters, coordinating support with the federal, state, and local emergency and first responders. Steve has developed an in-depth knowledge of military and homeland security expertise that allows him and his staff to quickly assess the impacts from disasters and mobilize the necessary forces to ensure the safety and security of our residents and visitors.

For all the reasons above, I wholeheartedly support MG Steve Logan to serve as the 21<sup>st</sup> Adjutant General of the Department of Defense, State of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR/J. LOGAN

Chief of Police



#### **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS (PSM)**

Sen. Brandon Elefante, Chair; Sen. Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair; and Committee Members Public Hearing, March 5, 2025, 3:00 p.m. – Conference Room 225, State Capitol

# TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM F. ANONSEN MANAGING PARTNER/PRINCIPAL OF THE MARITIME GROUP IN SUPPORT OF GM 644 (Nomination to Department of Defense)

My name is William F. Anonsen, the Managing Partner/Principal of The Maritime Group, I am honored to submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Major General Stephen Logan for confirmation as the Adjutant General of the State of Hawai'i Department of Defense for a term expiring on Dec. 7, 2026.

I had the privilege of working with Major General Logan and his staff during my tenure as chair of the Hawai'i Advisory Council on Emergency Management for 10 years (2011-2021). In this capacity, I observed firsthand his competence, professionalism, and dedication in fulfilling his respective duties and responsibilities. His leadership in emergency management and defense-related matters has been instrumental in strengthening Hawai'i's preparedness and response capabilities. His ability to coordinate across agencies, assess risks, and implement strategic initiatives demonstrates his exceptional qualifications for this position.

Major General Logan brings a wealth of leadership experience, operational expertise, and an unwavering commitment to public service. His extensive military and defense affairs background and his strategic decision-making abilities make him a valuable asset to Hawai'i's Department of Defense. His deep understanding of the challenges facing our state, ranging from disaster preparedness and emergency response to military coordination and homeland security, ensures that he is well-equipped to enhance Hawai'i's security and readiness.

For these reasons, I strongly urge this committee to confirm Stephen Logan's nomination to the Department of Defense. His leadership, expertise, and service commitment will undoubtedly benefit Hawai'i's people and our state's security.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Anonsen

William F. Anonsen
Managing Partner/Principal
THE MARITIME GROUP



# TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 644 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEPHEN LOGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026

Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 3:00 PM Conference Room 225 & Videoconference 415 South Beretania Street

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

The Hawaii Military Affairs Council ("MAC") supports GM 644 for consideration and confirmation to the Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEPHEN LOGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

The MAC was established in 1985 when the Chamber was appointed by the State to serve as the liaison to the military. The MAC advocates on behalf of Hawaii's military, and is comprised of business leaders, academic institutions, State and County officials, members of the CODEL, community leaders, labor unions and organizations and retired U.S. flag and general officers. The MAC works to support Hawaii's location as a strategic U.S. headquarters in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region which is crucial for U.S. national and homeland security.

Major General Logan assumed his duties as the Adjutant General on October 1, 2024, bringing with him a wealth of experience and an exemplary record of service. Major General Logan's career in the Hawaii Army National Guard spans over four decades, beginning with his enlistment in 1981. His progression through the ranks demonstrates his dedication, leadership, and commitment to serving our state and nation. His diverse experience includes:

- Command positions at various levels, including the Commanding General of the Hawaii Army National Guard
- Deployment as deputy commander in Afghanistan, showcasing his ability to lead in challenging environments
- Service as the Dual Status Commander during the devastating Maui wildfires, highlighting his crisis management skills



Major General Logan's educational background is equally impressive, with a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. His military education includes the Command and General Staff Officer Course, further enhancing his strategic and tactical expertise.

In conclusion, Major General Stephen F. Logan's extensive military experience, educational background, and proven leadership make him exceptionally qualified for the position of Adjutant General. His confirmation will ensure that Hawaii's military forces continue to be led by a capable, experienced, and dedicated individual committed to the safety and security of our state and nation. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support.



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March 3, 2025

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Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Re: GM 644-Submitting for consideration and confirmation of Stephen F. Logan as the Adjutant General of the Department of Defense

My name is Gary Yabuta, and I am the Executive Director for the Office of the National Drug Control Policy, Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA). It is with great honor that I express my support for confirmation of Stephen Logan for the position of State of Hawaii, Adjutant General, Department of Defense.

Hawaii is among 33 HIDTA regions throughout our Nation, and the mission of each HIDTA region is to facilitate and enhance local, state and federal law enforcement efforts to dismantle and disrupt drug organizations, enterprises and operations. We are a grant-funded under the Executive Office of the President.

Before becoming the Hawaii HIDTA Executive Director, I was the Chief of Police for the Maui Police Department until I retired on July 31, 2014. As the Chief of Police, I was a Hawaii HIDTA Executive Board Member and I became an acquaintance and then a friend of Stephen Logan, who represented the command of the Hawaii National Guard. He was also a well-respected police officer for the Honolulu Police Department before fully dedicating himself to serve our country and Hawaii in his military position. Today, General Stephen Logan is an Executive Board member of the Hawaii HIDTA, and proudly sits with Hawaii's federal, state and local law enforcement and criminal justice partners, during their decision-making

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responsibilities in appropriating HIDTA assets to our local police, prosecutors, State Attorney General, U.S. Attorney and federal counterparts.

In my opinion, there is no one better suited than Stephen Logan for the position of Adjutant General. His astute leadership has already navigated the National Guard to cope, and many times overcame some of Hawaii's most devasting critical incidents, i.e., the Lahaina Fire Tragedy. General Logan fully supports our efforts to fight drug trafficking by providing our law enforcement and drug interdiction operations with state-of-the-art drug identification equipment and highly trained Counterdrug Intelligence Analysts. He is ethically and professionally sound, and he is dedicated to this community, Hawaii, and Country. His military and law enforcement achievements are beyond distinction. This blend of military and police leadership will catapult his opportunity to provide essential services relating to civil defense and civil order, and he will safeguard us all against natural catastrophes and terrorism.

Sincerely,

Gary Yabuta

Executive Direct Hawaii HIDTA

Submitted on: 3/4/2025 11:42:20 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/5/2025 3:00:00 PM

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| Anne Lopez   | Individual   | Support                   | In Person |

#### Comments:

My name is Anne Lopez and I am submitting this testimony in my professional and personal capacities. I write in very strong support for General Logan's confirmation as Adjutant General. I had the opportunity to work with General Logan extensively following the Maui wildfires. General Logan has been an excellent leader consistently. He knows what he is talking about, when he makes committments, he fulfills them, he worked tirelessly and collaboratively during the many months after the fire, and went out of his way to make sure that his colleagues had the support they needed to achieve their missions. General Logan cares deeply for his work and the men and women that he leads. Personally, serving with General Logan has been a plesure. He is a team mate, a problem-solver, and supporter of his colleagues.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 644

March 5, 2025 3:00 p.m. Room 225 & Videoconference

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, STEPHEN LOGAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026.

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

It is with great admiration that I write this testimony in **strong support** of the appointment of Major General Stephen Logan to the position of adjutant general of the Department of Defense. I am confident that his steadfast leadership and unwavering commitment to our state makes him an excellent fit for this important position.

Major General Logan is a distinguished military professional whose career is marked by exemplary service. He demonstrates the highest levels of competence, integrity, and dedication to our state. When Major General Logan served as the Deputy Adjutant General, he took an active leadership role in organizing the fellow deputies in Cabinet to help troubleshoot issues that arose. I admire his leadership style which is both direct and collaborative.

Governor Green's administration shares his priorities of homelessness and housing, the cost of living, climate change, and health care for the people of Hawai'i. We are committed to take action to make the needed changes to move Hawai'i forward.

Major General Logan is an integral part of a team that is dedicated to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Major General Logan has been serving as adjutant general since October 2024. Prior to that he was deputy adjutant general since December 2019 and concurrently served as Commanding General of the Hawai'i Army National Guard from October 2021 to August 2024. Major General Logan's military experience will benefit the department and the State; therefore, I support his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

#### GM 644 (Stephen F. Logan)

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

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on GM644 in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Major General Logan's appointment, and humbly ask that you support his confirmation as the Adjutant General for the Department of Defense.

I have known Major General Logan as both a member of the Hawaii National Guard and Department of Defense over a period of 25 years, and I can attest with complete confidence that there is no one more qualified or deserving to lead the Department of Defense. Major General Logan is someone that is extraordinarily competent, extremely experienced, and has an exceptional capacity to lead large organizations and develop teams. In these times of increased state emergencies and global threats by near peer adversaries, Hawaii needs a leader that intimately understands the Hawaii National Guard's state and federal missions, and how to balance both. The Adjutant General must also understand the operations of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA), the Office of Veterans Services (OVS), and our civil-military programs, and be well-respected in our community, with our federal, state and county partners, and at the senior most levels of our military active components. Major General Logan checks all those blocks.

Major General Logan is also a dedicated public servant that can be trusted to lead with integrity and aloha and has a moral compass and style that will positively shape the culture of the department. He is already a seasoned cabinet member and is a tested military leader with 44 years of experience who has helped guide the state through both COVID and the Maui Fires. Major General Logan is uniquely prepared to address the increasing disasters Hawaii has been facing, but more importantly he is equipped to address the unknown challenges that Hawaii is sure to face in the future.

I am a retired servicemember with over 32 years of service with my last assignment as the J4MA, Directorate of Logistics and Engineering, US Indo-Pacific Command. I have served in all components of the Army (Active Duty, US Army Reserves and the National Guard), am a combat veteran with multiple tours, and have commanded at the brigade level in the Hawaii Army National Guard, as well as at senior levels in support of state disasters, such as the Task Force Oahu Commander for Hurricane Lane and the Deputy T-32 Commander for the Puna Lava disaster. I have had the fortune to work with many senior military leaders on active duty and in the reserves, and can unconditionally attest the State of Hawaii and its people would be lucky to have Major General Logan as the Adjutant General leading the Department of Defense.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Neal S. Mitsuyoshi, P.E.

Brigadier General, U.S. Army

Retired

<u>GM-644</u> Submitted on: 2/27/2025 11:46:34 AM Testimony for PSM on 3/5/2025 3:00:00 PM

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| Lon Paresa          | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Strong support for Steve Logan, TAG. Mahalo.

Lon Paresa

Retired Military and Legislative Officer

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| Michael Rosner | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

I enthusiastically support Stephen Logan for confirmation to the Department of Defense. Stephen Logan is a proven leader of exceptional character, his extensive experience and positive vision for the future are key attributes that set him apart from his peers. Confirming Stephen Logan will best support the Department of Defense's ability to generate ready forces, rapidly respond to state emergencies, and manage resources wisely.

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| Robert Lee   | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

I am in strong support for the confirmation of Stephen Logan as the Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii. Steve served in key positions in the Hawaii National Guard during my tenure as Adjutant General and I could always count on his solid leadership, wise counsel, and support to the people of Hawaii. Since my retirement, I have witnessed Steve capably handle difficult situations (natural and man made disasters) and secure resources necessary for the long term viability of the Hawaii National Guard. Without question, Major General Stephen Logan is the best person to lead this State as the Adjutant General.

Robert G.F. Lee, Major General, US Army (Ret), former Adjutant General (2003-2011)

## Testimony of Valerie M. Kato, Deputy Director of the Department of Health In SUPPORT of Governor's Message 644

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Adjutant General of the State of Hawaii Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, Major General Stephen F. Logan, for a term to expire at 12-07-2026.

### SENATOR BRANDON J.C. ELEFANTE, CHAIR SENATOR GLENN WAKAI, VICE CHAIR

#### SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Hearing Date: March 5, 2025 at 3:00 PM Room Number: 225

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

I am writing in my individual capacity in <u>strong support</u> of the nomination and confirmation of Major General Stephen F. Logan to serve as the Adjutant General of the State of Hawaii Department of Defense.

General Logan has both an exemplary military background as well as a commendable twenty-two-year career serving in the Honolulu Police Department. I first met General Logan during the COVID pandemic when he served the State as the Deputy Adjutant General. His calm methodical approach to tackling problems, his positive attitude and demeanor, his decades of experience, and his strong leadership abilities, all ensure he will be a leader to weather future storms that might face Hawaii. General Logan inspires confidence in the people that are privileged to work with him and I respectfully ask for his confirmation as Adjutant General of the State of Hawaii Department of Defense.

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony.

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| Curt Otaguro | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

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

I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Stephen Logan to lead the State's Department of Defense. He is a capable leader and has proven to be effective and proactive. I had the opportunity to work with Steve during the pandemic, Maui Wildfires as well as other initiatives over the past six years. I appreciate his fairness and even tempered demeanor. He is well respected by his colleagues and troops. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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| Brandon Kumalae     | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

I fully support Major General Stephen F. Logan for consideration and confirmation as the Adjutant General for the State of Hawai'i. I have known and worked with him for over 15 years in the Hawai'i Army National Guard - during regularly scheduled drills and annual training, domestic response - 2018 puna lava flow, COVID, 2023 Maui Wildfire, and federal mobilization in Afghanistan.

Major General Logan is an individual who possesses the integrity, character, competence, and willingness to lead the State Department of Defense. As a subordinate, we are in good hands under his leadership and guidance.

Thank you for your consideration.

CSM Brandon Kumalae, Hawai'i National Guard

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| Deanna Manriquez | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

MG Logan is extremely qualified to serve as HING Adjutant General.

He is a disciplined, intelligent, experienced, and compassionate leader fit to lead the HING in service of our state.

MG Logan has served in every key organizational position within the Army Guard. He commanded two of the major subordiante comands, led the general staff as Chief of Staff, and served as the State Army Aviation Officer.

MG Logan is an experienced dual status Commander, ready to serve the Governor and state during significant domestic responses. Most recently, he served as the T10 CDR for Maui wildfire efforts

MG Logan brings his Honolulu Police Department experience and background. MG Logan served as the Deputy Adjutant General for five years and as acting TAG during the state's COVID pandemic response.

MG Logan already has positive, effective, established relationships with Key POC's in every county.

## Testimony in Support of Stephen Logan for Adjutant General of the Hawaii National Guard

I am honored to write this testimony in support of General Logan's candidacy for Adjutant General of the Hawaii National Guard. Over the course of my career, I have had the privilege of working closely with General Logan during the complex and challenging operations surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Through this experience, I have come to know him not only as a highly intelligent and capable leader but also as a fair and empathetic individual who consistently upholds the highest standards of integrity and professionalism.

During the pandemic, the Hawaii National Guard played an essential role in the state's response to the crisis. General Logan's leadership was pivotal in ensuring that our operations ran smoothly, effectively, and efficiently. He approached every challenge with a level-headed demeanor, analyzing the situation with sharp intellect and making critical decisions that were both timely and well-informed. His ability to adapt quickly to the changing nature of the pandemic and its many complexities demonstrated his strong understanding of strategic planning and operational execution.

What truly set General Logan apart during this time was his unwavering commitment to fairness. In a high-pressure environment where stress and uncertainty were ever-present, he consistently treated all personnel with respect and fairness. He understood the diverse needs of the National Guard's members, and he worked diligently to ensure that everyone was supported, regardless of their rank or role. Whether it was coordinating resources, directing personnel, or providing clear guidance, General Logan made sure that every individual had the tools they needed to succeed, fostering a culture of mutual respect and trust.

Moreover, General Logan demonstrated exceptional communication skills throughout the COVID operations. He was always transparent with the team, providing clear direction while actively listening to feedback from all levels of the Guard. This open communication not only kept operations on track but also encouraged collaboration, which proved invaluable in a time when quick action was needed. His ability to articulate a clear vision while taking into account the input of others made him an effective leader and a trusted figure within the Hawaii National Guard.

As I worked alongside General Logan, it became evident that his leadership style was not just about executing orders; it was about building relationships, earning the respect of his team, and ensuring that every member felt valued. This human-centered approach to leadership is what makes him an ideal candidate for the position of Adjutant General. He possesses not only the technical and operational expertise needed to lead but also the emotional intelligence and integrity to guide the Hawaii National Guard through both challenges and successes.

In addition to his intelligence and fairness, General Logan's dedication to service and commitment to the well-being of the state of Hawaii are unwavering. His passion for the mission and for the people he serves shines through in every decision he makes. I have no doubt that he will continue to lead with the same level of excellence and integrity that he has demonstrated throughout our work together.

Finally, General Logan is a highly qualified and capable leader who is more than deserving of the role of Adjutant General of the Hawaii National Guard. His intelligence, fairness, and leadership skills have been evident in his work throughout the COVID operations and Hawaii wild fires, and I am confident that he will continue to serve the people of Hawaii with the same dedication and commitment. I strongly support his nomination for Adjutant General and have the utmost confidence in his ability to excel in this important role.

Sincerely,

Colonel Troy Cullen

HIANG/A3, Director of Operations

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| Shane Nagatani      | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

I support MG Logan as the TAG because of his years worth of qualifications and service to the State of Hawaii.

Testimony in SUPPORT of GM644 can include support for MG Logan and his qualifications below:

- 5 years as DAG, and service to the State of Hawaii in many roles throughout the HIARNG
- Served as the Dual Status Commander for Joint Task Force 50 in support of the Maui wildfire response
- Served as the Commanding General of the Hawaii Army National Guard
- Positive relationships and partnerships with the leadership and emergency management of all Hawaii counties

### <u>GM-644</u>

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| Elzadia I | Kaina | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

I support MG Logan's confirmation and offer his qualifications below:

- 5 years as DAG, and service to the State of Hawai'i in many roles throughout the HIARNG
- Served as the Dual Status Commander for Joint Task Force 50 in support of the Maui wildfire response
- Served as the Commanding General of the Hawai'i Army National Guard
- Positive relationships and partnerships with the leadership and emergency management of all Hawai'i counties

Mahalo,

Elzadia Kaina

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| Joshua Adam Jacobs | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

I have worked with MG Stephen Logan in several different jobs in the Hawaii Army National Guard over the past 12 years, and I believe that there is no other person with the knowledge, skills, experience, vision, and ability to more effectively lead the State Department of Defense. MG Logan approaches problems with critical thinking and strategic vision, and I was very impressed with his ability to build consensus and implement solutions to many of the National Guard's most persistent issues.

While serving as the Hawaii Army National Guard commander, MG Logan brought additional funding to the State to address shortfalls in equipment maintenance ahead of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's training rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Johnson, Louisiana in July 2023. His focus on the critical issue of equipment maintenance enabled his subordinate leaders to shift resources and priorities, and the result was a successful training rotation with the majority of unit equipment being employed.

More recently, while performing the duties of The Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii, MG Logan has engaged senior military leaders across the Nation in efforts to ensure that our citizen Soldiers in the Hawaii National Guard are manned, equipped, and trained to win should the need for our deployment or employment arise. He constantly looks for opportunities to gain benefits in preparedness for both Federal missions that will also apply in the event that National Guard support is needed here at home.

MG Stephen Logan is a leader whom I trust and respect deeply. I consider it an honor to work with him, and therefore I strongly support his confirmation as The Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii.

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| Mark M. Hanohano | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Aloha nui,

General Logan is a polished professional that is dedicated to duity and committed to cause. He is a person that is profoundly devoted to 'ohana, focusing on making conditions safe and secure for all families who call Hawaii home. Confirming General Logan would be confirming the protector of our 'aina, one who will malama.

Mahalo piha,

Mark M. "Dutch" Hanohano

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Testimony for PSM on 3/5/2025 3:00:00 PM

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| Doreen Uehara | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

I support MG Logan as TAG. He is a strategic leader and person of the highest character and genuinely cares about the State of Hawaii, community, service members, and the people he serves. He serves with distinction and honor and is an inspirational role model whom many strive to emmulate. He will continue to make positive contributions.

His qualifications include the following:

- 5 years as DAG, and service to the State of Hawaii in many roles throughout the HIARNG
- Served as the Dual Status Commander for Joint Task Force 50 in support of the Maui wildfire response
- Served as the Commanding General of the Hawaii Army National Guard
- Positive relationships and partnerships with the leadership and emergency management of all Hawaii counties

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| John Yim            | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

I am honored to submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination of MG Stephen Logan for the position of Adjutant General of the Hawaii Department of Defense. MG Logan is a highly experienced and dedicated leader with a distinguished career in military service and emergency management, making them exceptionally qualified for this role.

Throughout his career, MG Logan has demonstrated outstanding leadership, strategic vision, and a deep commitment to serving the people of Hawaii. MG Logan has held key leadership positions in the [Hawaii National Guard where he played a crucial role in enhancing the state's preparedness, response, and recovery efforts in times of natural disasters and security threats.

In addition to his military expertise, MG Logan has fostered strong partnerships between the Department of Defense, state and federal agencies, and the community. His ability to collaborate across sectors ensures a well-coordinated approach to disaster response, homeland security, and the overall readiness of Hawaii's defense forces.

With an unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of Hawaiâ€~i's residents, [Nominee's Name] has consistently upheld the highest standards of professionalism and service. I am confident that [his/her/their] leadership will strengthen the Department of Defense's mission and continue to protect and serve our state with honor and integrity.

I respectfully urge this committee to confirm [Nominee's Name] as Adjutant General. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony, and I appreciate your consideration of this highly qualified nominee.

Sincerely,

John Yim

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| Kevin Aihara        | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

I support MG Logan as the TAG. MG Logan has contributed tremendously to the State of Hawaii and to the many local military agencies. Highly recommend that he is approved to continue as TAG for Hawaii till 12-07-2026.

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

Hearing Time: March 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM

Location: State Capitol CR 225 & Videoconference

Re: GM644 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department of

Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEPHEN LOGAN, for a term to expire 12-

07-2026.

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

I am writing **in strong support of** GM644, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEPHEN LOGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

MG Stephen Logan has numerous qualifications to serve as our next Adjutant General (TAG). Of note, he served 5 years as the Deputy Adjutant General (DAG), served as the Dual Status Commander for the Joint Task Force-50 in support of the Maui wildfire response, served as the Commanding General of the Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG), and has cultivated positive relationships and partnerships with state and county leaders.

Please support GM644. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully, Thomas Lee, PhD, MPH

## Testimony of Marian Tsuji, Deputy Director for Behavioral Health Administration, Department of Health

#### In SUPPORT of Governor's Message 644

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Adjutant General, Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, Stephen Logan, for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-2026.

#### SENATOR BRANDON J.C. ELEFANTE, CHAIR

#### SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Hearing Date: March 5, 2025 Room Number: 225

I am writing in my individual capacity in support of the nomination and confirmation of Major General Stephen Logan to serve as Adjutant General, Department of Defense.

I have gotten to know Steve through our monthly Deputy Director meetings. Until his interim appointment as Major General, Steve has been the coordinator of our meetings, making sure we keep each other apprised of relevant activities, and providing mutual support for each other. I believe Steve will lead the Department of Defense with the same commitment to open collaborative communication and teamwork.

Thank you for your consideration of Major General Logan's confirmation as the Adjutant General, Department of Defense and for the opportunity to testify.

<u>GM-644</u> Submitted on: 3/3/2025 12:12:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/5/2025 3:00:00 PM

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| Colin Lau           | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

### Comments:

I support MG Logan as the TAG.

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| Byron Cadiz  | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

I submit this testimony in **strong support** of **MG Stephen Logan** for his nomination as **Adjutant General of the State of Hawaii**. As a **U.S. Army officer serving in the Hawai'i National Guard for the past 30 years**, I have had the privilege of serving alongside MG Logan for **22 of those years**.

I will not elaborate on his **military qualifications**, as his resume speaks for itself. His **extensive experience**, **leadership**, **and service** clearly demonstrate that he is more than qualified for this position. Instead, I want to highlight his **unwavering commitment to the Army Values**, which he embodies **every single day**.

MG Logan sets the standard for **integrity**, **selfless service**, **and loyalty**. He serves as a **mentor**, **role model**, **and leader** who inspires those around him. He consistently demonstrates **unparalleled dedication to his Soldiers and Airmen**, **the Hawai'i National Guard**, **and the people of Hawai'i**. His character extends beyond his military service—he is a **devoted son**, **brother**, **husband**, **and father** who leads with humility and strength.

I wholeheartedly believe that MG Logan will excel as Adjutant General and will represent the State Department of Defense and the people of Hawai'i with honor and distinction. I urge his confirmation with the utmost confidence.

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| Meoh-Leng Silliman | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of General Logan's nomination to serve as the Adjutant General for the State of Hawai'i, Department of Defense (HIDOD).

HIDOD is comprised of five divisions - the Hawai'i Army National Guard (HIARNG), the Hawai'i Air National Guard (HIANG), the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA), the Office of Veterans' Services (OVS) and Civilian Military Programs (Civ-Mil) – and its mission is to enable a safe, secure and thriving state and nation. General Logan has been serving as the Adjutant General for HIDOD since October 2024, after previously serving as Deputy Adjutant General from December 2019.

General Logan's experience and familiarity with HIDOD, which included emergency management experience during the State's response to COVID-19 and other natural disasters, make him well qualified to lead HIDOD. Additionally, his extensive military and law enforcement service provided the requisite training, command experience and leadership skills necessary to lead a diverse department dedicated to the mission of providing for a safe and secure state.

I respectfully recommend that the committee act favorably on GM644. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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| Christopher Guadiz | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

As an individual citizen of the State of Hawai'i and a member of the Hawai'i National Guard I am submitting my testimony in support of the confirmation of Major General Stephen Logan for the postion of The Adjutant General of the Hawai'i National Guard. I have known MG Logan for the last 10 years where I served as his chaplain in various capacities throughout his tenure as the Hawai'i Army National Guard Commander, the Deputy Adjutant General, and now the Adjutant General of the Hawai'i National Guard. I was also fortunate to serve as his chaplain while he was appointed as the Dual Status Commander for Joint Task Force 50 during the Maui Wildfires response. In my opinion, MG Logan is a stellar leader who cares about his subordinates and has their best intrests in mind. More imporatantly his strategic leadership is second to none and is the right choice to lead the Hawai'i National Guard into the future as the Indo Pacific remains a volatile region. His well established relationships with multiple stakeholders from the State, HIEMA, Federal, military, and allied partners is essential for maintaining a readiness posture that deters aggression through the promotion of peace and stability. In the years I have known him he has always made strategic decisions through colloboration, introspection, and his faith. In a time where our senior leaders are highly scrutinized, I attest that he is a leader of integrity and honor.

I support MG Logan as The Adjutant General of the Hawai'i National Guard.

Chaplain (Colonel) Christopher Guadiz

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| Frederick Werner | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

I have served under MG Logan's guidance and leadership continuously since 2005. I have seen him distinguish himself most recently during his 5 years as the DAG, as the Dual Status Commander for Joint Task Force - 50, and as the Commanding General of the Hawaii Army National Guard. I wholeheartedly believe he will deepen the positive relationships and partnerships with the leadership and emergency management of all Hawaii counties. I support MG Logan as the TAG!

#### **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

To: The Honorable Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair

The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

From: Joseph Campos II, Ph.D., J.D.

Re: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department of Defense, Adjutant

General, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEPHEN LOGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026. (Position corrected by GM648)

I am Joseph H. Campos II, and I am writing in my personal capacity. My assessment and testimony are informed by my position as Deputy Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS) and as a published author and scholar of National Security, Peace Studies, and Terrorism. I am writing this letter in **Strong Support** of the nomination and confirmation of Major General Stephen Logan as the Adjutant General.

General Logan's background and extensive experience qualify him for appointment and confirmation as the Adjutant General Logan has demonstrated that he has the leadership and experience to serve as the Adjutant General, especially in times of crisis and recovery.

I have worked with General Logan for four years when he was the Assistant Adjutant General. During that time, I witnessed his abilities during the pandemic and then the Maui Wildfires. He showed himself to be a clear voice during these emergencies which revealed great concern for the State and the people of Hawai'i. I have seen General Logan's commitment to the people of Hawai'i and am impressed with his willingness to work with other departments and ensure that issues are addressed to facilitate timely proactive planning, response, and recovery.

General Logan has always shown himself to be responsive and willing to guide departments through difficult times. His proven leadership over the last two emergencies/disasters will serve Hawai'i well throughout the future. General Logan's humility and openness are essential parts of his leadership.

In my capacity as an academic, I can say that with General Logan as the Adjutant General, Hawai'i is in good hands for Hawai'i safety and security and am confident in General Logan's ability to lead during "blue sky days" and emergencies. I **strongly support** the nomination of Major General Stephen Logan to serve as the Adjutant General.

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| Wesley Kawakami | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

I fully support Major General Stephen Logan as the Adjutant General for the State of Hawai'i. Major General Logan is a man of great character and a great leader. He held leadership positions in the Hawai'i Army National Guard at all levels and I've seen him make sound decisions in some of the most demanding conditions. He is a servant leader and takes great pride in serving our community, our state, and our great nation. Most importantly, he genuinely cares for the Soldiers and Airmen of the Hawai'i National Guard. There is no better leader who can lead the State of Hawai'i Department of Defense.

<u>GM-644</u> Submitted on: 3/4/2025 9:09:34 AM

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| Natalie Hayes | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

I fully support MG Logan as the TAG. He is the best candidate for the position to lead the Hawai'i National Guard.

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Testimony for PSM on 3/5/2025 3:00:00 PM

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| Allen L. Tudela | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

Aloha Senator Elefante,

I am providing Strong Support for Major General Stephen Logan as the Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii. MG Logan experience as the Deputy Adjutant General for the past 5 years. During this time period MG Logan also performed as the Acting TAG that provided him a wealth of knowledge and experience to perfrom that role as TAG. He is a consumate professional and lives and breaths for the DOD and the Hawaii National Guard. His years of experience in various levels of the HING, his leadership in shaping the organization and his love of the uniform allows him to be the leader that we need for Hawaii. His established relationships and understanding of the position allowed for a seamless transition from MG Hara now to MG Logan. I fully support his consideration as the next TAG and appreciate the committee's time. MG Logan is who the DOD needs now and for the future of the organization. Mahalo!

Submitted on: 3/4/2025 10:25:12 AM

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| Nathan Tyau  | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

I support MG Logan as the TAG.

First, in every state emergency Hawaii has ever participated in, it was the Hawaii Army National Guard that took the perpondernace, if not all of, the responsibilities to serve our communities. One would be hard pressed to find a single time when the Hawaii Air National Guard was supported by the Hawaii Army National Guard. In this sense, MG Logan fits this bill as he is an Army Guardsmen that has a relationship with the biggest supporter of the State.

Second, MG Logan is an aviator that has also been an Infantry Brigade Commander. This means he understands how to utilize both air and ground assets better than most. Consequently, unlike Air Guard commanders, MG Logan has the experience to plan the use of his ground forces and support them with air assets from the Hawaii Army National Guard or the Hawaii Air National Guard.

Third, MG Logan has a law enforcement background. A lot of our state missions include providing support to our Local Law Enforcement (LEA). MG Logan understands the law, the inner workings of the police department, and can work with them in times of need.

Fourth, MG Logan is arguably one of the better statesmen one could meet. As a visible symbol of our State's military, he is arguably better at working with other agencies, states, and countries than most because of his cool and methodical demeanor.

Nathan Tyau

The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: In Support of the Nomination of Major General Stephen Logan to the

Position of Adjutant General, State of Hawai'i

**GM 644** 

Hearing Date/Time: March 5, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Dear Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs:

I write in strong support of the nomination of Major General Stephen Logan for the position of Adjutant General for the State of Hawai'i. I currently serve as the First Deputy Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i, but I am submitting this testimony in my personal capacity.

I have worked with General Logan since 2023, when he was the Deputy Adjutant General of the State of Hawai'i. In that position, and more recently since his appointment as Adjutant General, I have found General Logan to be a person of tremendous integrity, discipline, and humility. His briefings are always timely and focused on achieving maximum comprehension by a non-military audience. He is the consummate military officer, and beneath his grave mien is a man of humor, warmth, and compassion that I am honored to work with.

General Logan has served the State with distinction for many years and I am confident that he will continue to do so if confirmed by the Senate. He is exceptionally well-qualified for this position and I urge the committee to support his nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

Matthew S. Dvonch

Submitted on: 3/4/2025 11:49:20 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/5/2025 3:00:00 PM

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| Phoebe Inigo        | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

Aloha Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Major General (MG) Stephen F. Logan in his upcoming confirmation as the Adjutant General for the Department of Defense. As someone who has served with MG Logan for 28 years, I have observed his professional journey and commitment to service. I can confidently say that he is exceptionally qualified for this crucial role.

Throughout his distinguished career, MG Logan has demonstrated exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to serving the State of Hawaii and its citizens. For the past five years, General Logan served as the Deputy Adjutant General, a role that has equipped him with a profound understanding of our state's unique needs and the challenges faced by our community. His most notable contribution was his leadership role as the Dual Status Commander for Joint Task Force 50 during the Maui wildfire response. His decisive action and strategic oversight were instrumental in coordinating relief efforts, showcasing his ability to manage complex situations and foster collaboration among various agencies. Moreover, MG Logan has built strong relationships with leadership and emergency management across all Hawaii counties. His ability to forge partnerships will be crucial in enhancing our state's readiness and resilience in the face of natural disasters and emergencies.

MG Logan's dedication to our community and extensive military expertise make him an ideal candidate for this position. He will bring strategic insight and visionary leadership to this vital position. I wholeheartedly support his nomination and humbly urge the committee to confirm him, as his appointment will significantly contribute to the safety and security of our state.

Thank you for considering this recommendation. Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Phoebe Inigo

Colonel, Hawaii Army National Guard

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| BG Tyson Tahara | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

I fully support MG Logan as The Adjutant General for the Hawai'i National Guard. MG Logan is a great leader with a wealth of experience. He served as the Joint Task Force-50 commander for the military response of the Maui wildfires which included Active Duty Service Members and Hawai'i National Guard Soldiers and Airmen. MG Logan served as DAG for 5 years and has built a positive relationship with state and county officials.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. Conference Room 225 & Videoconference Hawaii State Capitol

# Personal Testimony of Deborah Kim Morikawa, Deputy Director Department of Health In SUPPORT of Governor's Message 644

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the AdjutantDepartment of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEPHEN LOGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Good afternoon Chair Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair Glenn Wakai, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.

My name is Deborah Kim Morikawa and I stand in <u>STRONG SUPPORT</u> of the nomination of Major General Stephen Logan's nomination to serve as the State's Adjutant General.

Major General Stephen F. Logan's long and distinguished career in public service reflects his deep commitment to both the military and the community. With over four decades of military experience, he has held numerous leadership roles, including Commanding General of the Hawaii Army National Guard. His extensive credentials include a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College, multiple military honors such as the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star Medal, and specialized training in homeland security and emergency response. His leadership was instrumental in coordinating Hawaii's military operations during crises, most notably as the Dual Status Commander for Joint Task Force – 50 in response to the Maui wildfires.

In addition to his military service, Major General Logan dedicated 22 years to the Honolulu Police Department, retiring as a Metropolitan Police Lieutenant. His public safety experience, combined with his military expertise, uniquely positions him to lead Hawaii's Department of Defense with professionalism and strategic vision. As the former Deputy Adjutant General, he fostered collaboration through his leadership of the monthly Deputy Director meetings, ensuring they were both informative and productive. His professional and collaborative approach has earned the trust of colleagues and subordinates alike. I strongly support his nomination as Adjutant General, knowing that his leadership will enhance Hawaii's security and resilience.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my testimony in support of gubernatorial nominee for Adjutant General, Major General Stephen Logan.

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Testimony for PSM on 3/5/2025 3:00:00 PM

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| Keoki Leong  | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in full support of MG Stephen Logan as the Adjutant General for the Hawaii National Guard. My name is Keoki Leong and I am a Major in the Hawaii Army National Guard. I have served under the leadership of MG Logan for more than fifteen years. From his time as my Brigade Commander till his current postion as our TAG, he has continually shown his expterise in decision making through his vast experience and care for our Soldiers and their Families. I currently serve as the Executive Officer for the 1-299 Cavalry Regiment, in Hilo. For the past eight years, I have been part of every natural disaster and State Active Duty for the Big Island, including support on Maui for Lahaina. MG Logan has an impressive knowledge and experience in leading many of these efforts and an understanding of the threats that lurk across the sea. He will ensure our force is ready to answer when called upon.

He also has the respect of commnity members, leaders, and organizations that I work with on a daily basis. His positive command attitude aligned with his past successful experiences is why I am excited to support such a great leader.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I urge you and your committeememebrs to confirm MG Logan as our TAG.

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| Mariko Boone | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

Aloha Chair Elefante, Vice-Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee, I am testifying on GM 644 in strong support of the appointment of MG Stephen Logan as Adjutant General to the Department of Defense. I had the opportunity to work directly for this exceptional leader for 2.5 years, where I witnessed his unwavering dedication and sacrifice for the State of Hawaii Department of Defense, our State of Hawaii, and our nation. I have the utmost respect for this officer and human being, and there is no other person I would put my faith in to fulfill this role and take the Hawaii National Guard and State DoD to the next level.

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| John Udani   | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

March 4, 2025

John Udani 701005 HI 96709 PO Box Kapolei,

Aloha Chairperson and Members of the Senate Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the confirmation of Major General Stephen F. Logan as the Adjutant General of the Hawai'i Department of Defense.

Major General Logan's exemplary leadership, extensive experience, and dedication to public service make him exceptionally qualified for this critical role. Major General Logan has over 40 years of distinguished military service, including five years as Deputy Adjutant General and Commander of the Hawai'i Army National Guard. His tenure has been marked by significant accomplishments, such as improving readiness across Hawai'i National Guard units and leading multiple federal and state mobilizations. Most notably, he served as the Dual Status Commander for Joint Task Force 50 during the Maui wildfire response in 2023, coordinating local, county, state and federal efforts to address one of Hawai'i's most devastating disasters. Throughout his career, Major General Logan has fostered strong relationships with all of Hawai'i's county leadership, emergency management teams, and key federal entities such as U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC) and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM).

Major General Logan's ability to synchronize defense and civil support operations with local and federal agencies has been instrumental in ensuring effective disaster response and preparedness for the state of Hawai'i and for our nation. In addition to his operational expertise, Major General Logan holds a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Chaminade University. His unique blend of military and civilian leadership experience—spanning roles as a police lieutenant and a military aviator—further underscores his qualifications. Major General Logan's proven track record of leadership, dedication to public service, and commitment to Hawai'i's safety and security make him an

| outstanding choice for Adjutant General. | I respectfully | urge your | confirmation | of his |
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| appointment.                             |                |           |              |        |

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

John Udani l.com

john.udani@gmai

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| Mey Martin   | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on GM 644 in STRONG SUPPORT of MG Logan's appointment to the Department of Defense as Adjutant General.

MG Logan has served in multiple key positions throughout the Hawaii Army National Guard. He has served 5 years as Deputy Adjutant General, served as the Commanding General of the Hawaii Army National Guard, and served as the Dual Status Commander for Joint Task Force 50 in support of the Maui wildfire response. MG Logan has built positive relationships and partnerships with principal leadership in all Hawaii counties and beyond. His wealth of experience, knowledge and people skills is proven to make him an absolute must as the Adjutant General.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Very Respectfully,

Command Chief Master Sergeant Mey Martin

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| Jamielyn Thompson | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support the appointment of Major General Stephen Logan as The Adjutant General of the State of Hawai'i. His leadership over the past five years as Deputy Adjutant General has been instrumental in strengthening the Hawai'i National Guard's readiness, resilience, and interagency coordination.

Most notably, his role as the DSC for JTF-50 during the Maui wildfire response demonstrated his exceptional ability to lead complex emergency operations. Under his direction, the task force swiftly coordinated military and civilian resources, ensuring critical support to the county and affected communities. His decisive leadership, deep operational experience, and commitment to the people of Hawai'i make him the ideal choice for this position.

I urge your full support for GM 644 and Major General Logan's appointment.

Mahalo.

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| Reuben S Kim | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

## Testimony in Support of Major General Stephen Logan for the State Department of Defense

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of Major General (MG) Stephen Logan to lead the State Department of Defense. MG Logan is hands down the right person for this job. He has the experience, the heart, and the leadership our state needs to move the Department of Defense forward.

I've had the privilege of working for MG Logan four times throughout my career—when he was the Assistant Adjutant General, Deputy IBCT Commander (deployment to Afghanistan), Deputy USPFO Officer, and the HIARNG Chief of Staff. Every time, he led with intelligence, humility, and genuine care for the people he serves. He isn't just a leader who gives orders—he listens, he mentors, and he truly cares about the Soldiers, Airmen, and the mission.

His leadership during the Maui wildfire response as the Dual-Status Commander showed exactly why he's the right person for this position. He took charge in one of the worst disasters our state has ever seen, working with both military, civilian, and county agencies to get help where it was needed. That kind of leadership—calm under pressure, decisive, and always focused on the people—is exactly what we need leading our state's defense efforts.

Beyond his experience and intelligence, what really sets MG Logan apart is his love for Hawai'i. He's not just doing a job—he's serving his home, his people, and the men and women who put on the uniform. His leadership isn't about power or position; it's about making a difference.

If we want the best for our state, we need MG Logan in this role. He has the knowledge, the heart, and the vision to take the State Department of Defense to the next level. Mahalo for your time and consideration, I strongly urge you to support his appointment.

Mahalo,

Reuben Kim

reuben.s.kim@gmail.com

<u>GM-644</u> Submitted on: 3/4/2025 1:45:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/5/2025 3:00:00 PM

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|   | Fred Gebauer | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

Concur to confirm MG Logan as the Hawaii Adjutant General.

### Blake K. Oshiro, Esq. 222 S. Vineyard Street, Suite 401 Blake.Oshiro @808cch.com

Sen. Brandon Elefante, Chair Sen. Glenn Wakai, Vice-Chair Members of the Public Safety and Military Affairs Committee

**Support for GM644** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEPHEN LOGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026. (Position corrected by GM648)

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Members -

I write in strong support of Stephen Logan's confirmation to serve as the Director of Department of Defense (DOD).

I worked closely with Major General (MG) Logan when we both served in Governor Green's Administration, as General Kenneth Hara had planned his retirement and brought MG Logan to meetings to help ensure a smooth transition. These included weekly meetings with key senior staff and the Governor as we advised him on critical issues.

While I had not known MG Logan well prior to these interactions, I found him to be the upmost professional. He was thoughtful, considered, and could effectively communicate complicated and difficult issues.

I believe these skills and attributes will serve him well, and indeed, serve our state well taking on the leadership for DOD. With issues of security and safety at the forefront of our minds, I take comfort in knowing that MG Logan is there and advising the Governor on the best course of action for the state.

I hope that you will look favorably upon his appointment to this position. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Testimony for PSM on 3/5/2025 3:00:00 PM

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|---------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| LTC Lloyd Phelps II | Testifying for Staff Judge<br>Advocate, Hawaii<br>National Guard | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

As the full-time State Judge Advocate for the Hawaii National Guard I fully support the confirmation and continued service of MG Stephen Logan as the Adjutant General, Hawaii National Guard.

Submitted on: 3/4/2025 2:48:50 PM

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| Damon Hogsten | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

Dear Members of the Senate Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Major General Stephen F. Logan in his upcoming confirmation hearing. Throughout his distinguished career, General Logan has demonstrated exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to serving the State of Hawaii and its citizens.

For the past five years, General Logan has served as the Deputy Adjutant General, where he played a pivotal role in the Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG). His extensive experience in various capacities within the organization has equipped him with a profound understanding of our state's unique needs and the challenges faced by our community.

One of his most notable contributions was his leadership as the Dual Status Commander for Joint Task Force – 50 during the Maui wildfire response. His decisive action and strategic oversight were instrumental in coordinating relief efforts, showcasing his ability to manage complex situations and foster collaboration among various agencies.

Moreover, as the Commanding General of the Hawaii Army National Guard, General Logan has built strong relationships with leadership and emergency management across all Hawaii counties. His ability to forge partnerships has been crucial in enhancing our state's readiness and resilience in the face of natural disasters and emergencies.

| General Logan's dedication to our community, combined with his extensive     |
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| military expertise, makes him an ideal candidate for this position. I        |
| wholeheartedly support his nomination and urge the committee to confirm him. |

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Damon Hogsten



<u>GM-644</u> Submitted on: 3/4/2025 3:01:58 PM

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| Marissa Romero      | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

I support MG Logan as the TAG.



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| Regina Komine | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

To the Public Safety and Military Affairs Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Bill GM644, confirming MG Stephen Logan for the Hawaii Department of Defense Adjutant General position. He is an exemplary leader with a long and distinguished career serving the State of Hawaii, and his confirmation would be a tremendous asset to our state.

MG Logan possesses a deep understanding of Hawaii's unique needs and challenges. His five years of dedicated service as Deputy Adjutant General (DAG) provided him with invaluable insight into the workings of the Hawaii State Department of Defense and its vital role in our state's safety and security. This experience, coupled with his extensive service in various capacities within the Hawaii National Guard throughout his career, demonstrates his unwavering commitment to the well-being of our State and its people.

I have been in the Hawaii Air National Guard for over 20 years. I have worked with multiple Adjutants General here in the State of Hawaii. I can assure you that MG Stephen Logan will live up to the very high standard set by previous Adjutants General. I have seen firsthand his ability to act decisively and compassionately in times of crisis, and have no doubt that he is the right person for the job.

MG Logan's commitment to serving the people of Hawaii is undeniable, and his confirmation would be a testament to his exceptional service and dedication.

I urge you to support Bill GM644 and confirm MG Stephen Logan.

Sincerely,

Regina Komine



# DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS 154TH WING JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM HAWAII

## STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE



#### **TESTIMONY ON GM 644**

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

BY

#### COLONEL GLEN K.T. HAYASE COMMANDER, 154th MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

MARCH 4, 2025

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

I am writing to express my strong support of MG Logan appointment to the State of Hawaii Department of Defense as Adjutant General.

Others have undoubtedly provided ample examples of MG Logan's long and illustrious military career spanning over 40 years, all serving the Aloha state. I would like to focus on his leadership, specifically during the response to the Maui wildfires. I witnessed firsthand the calm yet deliberate approach MG Logan displayed as the appointed Dual Status Commander in charge of Joint Task Force-50. Working with Hawaii National Guardsmen as well as Active Duty servicemembers, MG Logan quickly and decisively brought our team together to focus on the Lahaina and Upcountry Maui communities impacted by the wildfires. His approach to communicating clearly, consistently and calmly with military and civilians alike is something we should all strive for.

While I hope to never have to again participate in a disaster response to the magnitude and scope of the Maui wildfires, if MG Logan were the commander in charge of response, I'd volunteer in a heartbeat. Under his command and leadership, I would have full faith and trust that the mission would be conducted with urgency, integrity, and the welfare of the people of Hawaii at the forefront.

Thank you for this opportunity to write in support of MG Logan. For additional information, do not hesitate to contact me at 808-789-0151 or glen.hayase.1@us.af.mil.

GLEN K.T. HAYASE, Col, ANG Commander

Submitted on: 3/4/2025 4:55:46 PM

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| Derrick Wong        | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

I support the nomination and confirmation of MG Logan. Continuity is important and relationships are key.

Submitted on: 3/5/2025 7:12:22 AM

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| Roger Pukahi | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

It is my desire to support MG Stephen Logan and submit written testimony toward his confirmation as the Adjutant General of the Hawaii National Guard and State Department of Defense. I have worked with and for MG Logan for the past 30 years and he has displayed true professionalism and integrity with every positions that he's held. He is the most trusted person I know that can lead this organization and ensure that the State and Federal mission are accomplished. He is a true servant leader. I fully endorse his confirmation.



Thank you for the opportunity to allow me to voice my support for Major General Stephen Logan.

Major General Logan is the sole remaining combat arms active general in the Hawaii National Guard. This designation affords him the experience that others do not have. Outside of his military experience, Major General Logan's character is of the most importance.

Major General Logan is loyal, faithfully devoted to his craft, mission and leaders above him. His sense of duty is beyond reproach, always putting the needs of the organization before his own and always doing what is legally and morally correct. He treats others how he would like to be treated with compassion and respect.

Major General Logan is the perfect leader and problem solver and would be outstanding for the position of Adjutant General.

Again, thank you for allowing me to testify in support of MG Logan and GM644

Colonel (Retired)

**ASO** 

State of Hawaii

Department of Defense

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| Justin Davis | Individual   | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

#### Comments:

I am writing in my personal capacity as a law enforcement professional with extensive experience in interagency collaboration to provide my professional assessment of Major General Stephen F. Logan's leadership and contributions to public safety efforts in the State of Hawaii.

I have had the opportunity to work alongside Major General Logan in several capacities, including our collaboration on the Hawaii High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Executive Board. Throughout my interactions with him, he has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to fostering cooperation among federal, state, and local agencies. His ability to bring stakeholders together and enhance strategic partnerships has had a direct impact on Hawaii's public safety efforts.

Additionally, during the Maui wildfire response, my office worked closely with Major General Logan's staff. His leadership during this crisis ensured effective communication and coordination across multiple agencies, reinforcing the importance of a unified approach during emergency operations. His extensive background in both military and civilian law enforcement, including his prior service as a Metropolitan Police Lieutenant with the Honolulu Police Department, reflects a deep understanding of the complexities of public safety.

Major General Logan's strategic foresight, operational expertise, and ability to build strong interagency relationships have proven invaluable in addressing Hawaii's security challenges. Based on my professional interactions with him, I believe he possesses the leadership and experience necessary to continue serving effectively in his current role.

This letter is intended solely as a professional assessment of Major General Logan's qualifications and contributions based on my firsthand experiences working with him. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any further insights.

**Justin Davis** 

602-920-4836