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TO THE COMMITTEES ON

PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

JANUARY 31, 2025, 3:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 225 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.B. 998

RELATING TO THE HAWAII FIRST RESPONDERS MEMORIAL

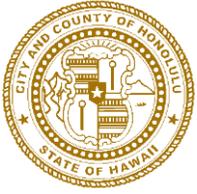
Chairs Elefante and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Wakai and Gabbard, and Members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 998.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) **supports** the measure which appropriates funds to the DAGS to hire a consultant to evaluate potential locations and designs for the Hawaii First Responders Memorial.

Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 97 (2024), DAGS has formed a working group to plan and construct a Hawaii First Responders Memorial. DAGS supports the concept of creating a memorial that will serve as a lasting tribute to Hawaii First Responders who have selflessly served our community and paid the ultimate price. This measure will provide the necessary funding to assist the working group with the

identification and evaluation of various sites as well as for the design of the memorial.

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



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January 29, 2025

The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
And Members of the Committee on Public Safety and
Military Affairs

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
And Members of the Committee on Government Operations

Friday, January 31, 2025, 3:00 PM
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Subject: Support for SB 998 Relating to the Hawaii First Responders Memorial

I am writing to provide testimony **in support** of SB 998 to adopt a working group recommendation by appropriating funds for the Department of Accounting and General Services to engage a consultant to evaluate potential locations and designs for the Hawaii First Responders Memorial.

At the county level, our first responders provide critical assistance and often risk their own lives to save others. I strongly support working toward completion of the memorial, which aims to provide a lasting tribute to the first responders who have selflessly served the community and paid the ultimate price in the line of duty.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of this measure.

Sincerely,

Radiant Cordero, Councilmember
Honolulu City Council, District VII

SB-998

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 2:17:48 PM

Testimony for GVO on 1/31/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jayson Pablo	Testifying for County of Kaua'i Fire Department	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha All,

I am submitting this testimony in **strong support** of **Senate Bill 998 and House Bill 503**, which appropriate funds to hire a consultant to evaluate potential locations and designs for the Hawai'i First Responders Memorial.

Hawai'i's first responders dedicate their lives to protecting and serving our communities, often at great personal risk. A permanent and properly designed memorial will ensure that the sacrifices of those who have fallen in the line of duty are honored and remembered for generations to come. By funding a consultant to evaluate the best possible site and design, these bills take a crucial step toward making this long-overdue tribute a reality.

I urge the committee to **pass SB998 and HB503** to recognize and honor the bravery, service, and sacrifice of our first responders.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Jayson Pablo

Administrative Battalion Chief

County of Kaua'i Fire Department

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The Honorable Brandon J. C. Elefante, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
and Members of the Public Safety and Military Affairs
State Senate
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs McKelvey and Elefante, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Wakai, and Members of the Senate Committees on Government Operations and on Public Safety and Military Affairs:

Subject: SB998 – Relating to the Hawaii First Responders Memorial

The City and County of Honolulu (City) has the utmost respect and gratitude for our team of first responders. Every day, including holidays, these public servants have worked to promote safety and preserve life in our community, often putting their own lives on the line.

As such, the City is in strong support of providing our everyday heroes, and their families, the acknowledgment of their sacrifices in the line of duty while protecting our home.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Formby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael D. Formby
Managing Director Designate



UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS

AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO

THE SENATE
KA 'AHA KENEKOA

THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
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Friday, January 31, 2025, 3:00 PM
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

Re: Testimony on SB998 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII FIRST RESPONDERS' MEMORIAL

Chair Elefante & McKelvey, Vice Chair Wakai & Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

The United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO (“UPW”) is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which includes blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health, and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties.

UPW **supports** SB998, which adopts the working group recommendation by appropriating funds for the department of general services (“DAGS”) to engage a consultant to evaluate potential sites and designs for the Hawaii First Responders Memorial.

As the exclusive representative for the emergency medical technicians (“EMT”) and paramedics employed by the City and County of Honolulu, we believe that those first responders who have made the ultimate sacrifice while courageously serving our community should forever be honored with an appropriate memorial.

We would like to note that despite UPW’s prescribed inclusion in the working group, pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 97, House Draft 2, we were not, to our knowledge, notified about any meetings scheduled by the working group. Despite this oversight, UPW remains committed to this effort.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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SB-998

Submitted on: 1/30/2025 3:01:46 PM

Testimony for GVO on 1/31/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eddie Fujioka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a retired Honolulu EMS Chief and with the help of Rep. Ichiyama and Senator Wakai they help make my dream of building a First Responder Memorial. We began this journey in mid 2023. I am in full support of SB 998. Having a memorial for our fallen Hero's that paid with their lives during what they were trained to do. This memorial will allow family, friends, visitors and community members in Hawaii to visit and offer their respect and connect. Please pass SB 998