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To: House Committee on Water & Land

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Re: Testimony on H.B. No. 1132
Relating to Critical Infrastructure

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill, which would provide confidentiality for critical infrastructure information maintained by the Office of Homeland Security's Hawaii State Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Program (Program). The Office of Information Practices (OIP) **supports** this bill.

OIP worked with the Office of Homeland Security (OHS) previously to reach agreement on language to address both OHS's and OIP's concerns. OIP understands that the Program collects information about critical infrastructure and its vulnerabilities from other government agencies and from private parties such as utilities, and OHS was concerned that the Program should not become a one-stop-shop for people seeking information about such vulnerabilities. At the same time, OIP's concern has been to ensure that information about infrastructure, including potential problems with that infrastructure, should remain public to the extent that it previously has been. Although the UIPA's frustration exception at section 92F-13(3), HRS, would allow an agency to withhold specific information, especially detailed technical information, that could be used to exploit vulnerabilities in either

government or private infrastructure, more general information should remain available to the extent it traditionally has been for the public to request from the government agency maintaining it, so as not to deny the public access to important public safety information such as government reports on dam safety, information about the Red Hill water contamination, or information about the potential for the power grid to contribute to a future wildfire.

OIP believes this bill strikes an appropriate balance between protection of the sensitive critical infrastructure information collected by the Program and ensuring continued public access to more general information maintained by the various agencies about infrastructure, including information that discusses potential problems. OIP therefore **supports** this bill and recommends the Legislature use it as the vehicle to address protection of critical infrastructure information within the Program.

Thank you for considering OIP's testimony.

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Testimony for WAL on 1/30/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Cordery	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I appose this ridiculous bill! Seriously?

A beach day with tax payers \$\$\$

No Thank you!

How about housing for Lahaina victims!