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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 765, HD1,
RELATING TO MOBILE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Before the Senate Committee on
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

By

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Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair English and Members of the Committee:

House Bill 765, HD1 appropriates funds for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to acquire mobile communications, water, and power service capabilities that can be deployed to each county as needed.

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) **offers comments** on House Bill 765, HD1.

While HI-EMA appreciates the assistance that this measure would provide, since it is outside of the Governor's budget, we feel other sources should be examined to fulfill this objective.

We have seen with recent incidents including the 2018 April Flooding, the 2019 Kilauea Volcanic Eruption, the 2019 Hurricane Lane, the 2019 Maui Fire, and the 2020-2021 COVID-19 Pandemic, that continuity of operations and related resources to implement the essential services can be impacted many ways by these threats. Creating a mobile cache capability and capacity to support these processes would be beneficial to the State operations. HI-EMA and/or other State administrative resources would have to be allocated to support the implementation and maintenance of this initiative.

Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joe Hammond	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of this bill because this would be helpful especially in serious emergency situations. If this system can help with communicationg, having power and water it would be very beneficial.

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Comments:

I am in strong support of this bill. I think this bill would be very beneficial when responding to emergencies faster. It would really help especially those who are away from safety areas. Having a mobile emergency response will allow those that may be stranded at certain locations still have access to communication, have power and have access to water while waiting for help to come. With the recent floodings, this type of mobile emergency service would have been very beneficial.