

**SCR-69**

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Comments:

We shouldn't need an evacuation plan for areas within lava zones because those areas should not be developed. Stop thinking about profits and start thinking sustainability. You can't take the profits with you when you die. They will be useless to your children if the environmental conditions cannot sustain life.

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

**TESTIMONY ON SCR69,  
RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Before the House Committee on  
**PANDEMIC and DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

By

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Aloha Chair Ichiyama, Vice-Chair Eli, and Members of the Committee:

SCR69 requests the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency to develop an evacuation plan for the areas within lava zones 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6.

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) **offers comments** on SCR69.

A significant aspect of HI-EMA's standard operating procedures has been to utilize comprehensive, all-hazard plans which include significant evacuation capabilities and builds on lessons learned from past incidents and trainings and exercises.

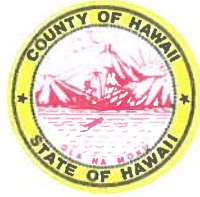
The 2018 eruption incident has helped solidify a productive and dynamic working relationship between the County of Hawai'i, the United States Geological Survey, and the HI-EMA. Earlier this year, HI-EMA in partnership with County of Hawai'i, and the United States Geological Survey, started working on updated documentation regarding the potential of Mauna Loa impacts. This process not only includes evacuation capabilities, but other functions including alert and warning, transportation impacts, public information, and cross agency collaboration.

SCR69 would create an atmosphere that could duplicate efforts and hamper current progress and jeopardize any future operations.

Thank you.

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Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 309 Via Videoconference  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: SCR69 – Requesting The Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency to Develop  
An Evacuation Plan For The Areas Within Lava Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6.

Honorable Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Eli:

Aloha, my name is Maile David, Councilmember representing Council District 6, comprising the rural districts of South Kona, Ka'ū, and Volcano Village. Mahalo a nui loa for this opportunity to express my wholehearted support for SCR69 relating to the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency developing an evacuation plan for areas within the lava zones 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6.

My strong support is premised on my relationships and experiences in serving the districts of South Kona, Ka'ū and the Volcano communities. Further studies are definitely in order to develop an evacuation plan for not only lava zones 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6, but more importantly, impacts to the single infrastructure connecting South Kona and Ka'ū.

Mahalo a nui loa for your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

Maile David, Council Member  
Council District 6, S. Kona, Ka'ū, and Volcano Village