STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 3034 A BILL RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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Chair Inouye and Committee Members:

I am Major General Bob Lee, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am testifying in support of Senate Bill 3034.

Senate Bill 3034 amends the language in section 128-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes to provide health care facilities and private education institutions the opportunity to be designated a private emergency shelter for the purpose of sheltering patients, residents, and students from potential hazards.

Senate Bill 3034 clarifies that any compensation received by owners or operators of a school, hospital, community-based care home program, home-based care home program, home health agency or facility from patients, residents, and students under their care is not considered compensation for purposes of section 128-19.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of an important emergency preparedness initiative.