

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 173.

Dear Chair Hanohano and Committee Members,

We are in strong support of HCR 173.

A study and report on the Civil Defense's Division's coordination of the tsunami warning event on February 27, 2010 is an appropriate way to review the agency's ability to notify and prepare our residents for a similar natural disaster in the future.

We are aware of reports that certain alarms were not functioning in certain areas and access to agency's website was interrupted during periods. It is very important that residents are alerted and remain prepared to respond to the situation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony that supports this resolution.

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