

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 850
A BILL RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY

PRESENTATION TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

MR. DOUG MAYNE
VICE DIRECTOR OF STATE CIVIL DEFENSE
February 22, 2013

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the House Committee on Finance.

I am Doug Mayne, Vice Director of State Civil Defense. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 850.

HB 850 will strengthen Homeland Security in Hawaii by establishing the Office of Homeland Security in the State Department of Defense, and codifying functions we are already performing within State Civil Defense and the Hawaii National Guard. This will consolidate those functions in one office that reports to the Adjutant General.

The State Office of Homeland Security will take responsibility and management of several programs that State Civil Defense has been running with the Hawaii National Guard since 2001. The programs include grant management, critical infrastructure protection and processing security clearances for local and state government.

HB 850 provides a legislative basis for performing tasks and missions that we are already doing. This bill will allow us to organize more efficiently and move personnel from State Civil Defense into this new structure to provide better support to the people of Hawaii. Establishing the Office of Homeland Security requires no additional funding — personnel and office space already exist within SCD and State Department of Defense.

I strongly urge you to pass HB 850.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG
ADJUTANT GENERAL
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I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, State Adjutant General. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 850.

HB 850 establishes an Office of Homeland Security in the State Department of Defense. This bill will allow the consolidation of functions already performed by State Civil Defense and the Hawaii National Guard into one office that reports directly to the Adjutant General, who serves as the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor. The State Fusion Center will be part of the Office of Homeland Security.

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February 21, 2013

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 306
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Luke:

Subject: H.B. 850, H.D. 1 Relating to Homeland Security

I am Jeffrey A. Murray, Fire Chief of the County of Maui, Department of Fire & Public Safety (MFD) and a member of the State Fire Council (SFC). The MFD and the SFC support H.B. 850, H.D. 1, which seeks to establish a homeland security office to provide a comprehensive program to protect our citizens, infrastructure, and government from terrorism and threat of attack.

H.B. 850, H.D. 1 will establish the Office of Homeland Security within the State Department of Defense and will provide uniform planning among the various state and county agencies. It will codify functions the state is already performing and consolidate them in one office. It will also allow the state to organize more efficiently to support the citizens and the counties in their efforts to prepare and train for tasks and missions related to terrorist events.

The MFD and the SFC urge your committee's support on the passage of H.B. 850, H.D. 1.

Should you have any questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7151 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Murray", is written over a circular stamp. The stamp contains the text "JEFFREY A. MURRAY" and "Fire Chief".

JEFFREY A. MURRAY
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Committee on Finance
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Dear Chair Luke:

Subject: H.B. 850, H.D. 1 Relating to Homeland Security

I am Darren J. Rosario, Member of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Hawai'i Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support H.B. 850, H.D. 1, which seeks to establish a homeland security office to provide a comprehensive program to protect our citizens, infrastructure, and government from terrorism and threat of attack.

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Sincerely,

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DARREN J. ROSARIO
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Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance
State of Hawaii

Dear Representative Luke,

I would like to submit this letter of testimony in favor of House Bill 850 and request your consideration and support with the passage of this measure. As proposed, House Bill 850 provides for the following:

- Current and contemporary statute language that establishes the legislative basis for performing tasks and missions that the emergency management community at the State and County levels is presently performing. The proposed language would align our state's statutes with nationally recognized emergency management principles and organizational structure.
- Authorizes (but does not require) the counties to establish local offices of homeland security.
- Allows the state to organize more efficiently to support the citizens and the counties.
- Establishes the Office of Homeland Security in the State Department of Defense.
- Strengthens Homeland Security in Hawaii by codifying functions the state is already performing and consolidating them in one office.

I would like to thank for this opportunity to provide you with this written testimony and strongly encourage and request your support and passage of this measure as written.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darryl Oliveira".

Darryl Oliveira, Director
County of Hawaii Civil Defense Agency



RICHARD K. MINATOYA

TESTIMONY

ON

HB 850, HD 1 - RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY

February 22, 2013

The Honorable Sylvia Luke
Chair
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto
The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson
Vice Chairs
and Members
House Committee on Finance

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

I am Richard Minatoya, and I serve as the Maui County member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 850, HD 1 Relating to Homeland Security.

HB 850, HD 1 codifies homeland security functions already being performed by the State Department of Defense and State Civil Defense by establishing an Office of Homeland Security in the State Department of Defense. Functions currently being handled will be consolidated into one office, at no additional cost to the State, resulting in a more effective homeland security system to support the counties and citizens of this state.

I ask that the committee PASS HB 850, HD 1.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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Socrates Bratakos		Support	Yes

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