

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1971
A BILL RELATING TO SAFETY

PRESENTATION TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

BY
MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL
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February 4, 2016

Chair Morikawa, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Members of the House Committee on Human Services.

I am Major General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am providing comments about House Bill 1971.

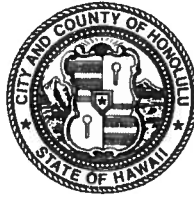
Under HRS 127A Emergency Management, the counties are the first responders to accidents, emergencies and other events. The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) becomes involved when the counties ask for support.

The proposed Silver Alert program could mirror the existing Maile Amber Alert program run by county police departments. HI-EMA has worked with county agencies during Maile Amber Alerts.

Thank you for allowing me to provide comments about House Bill 1971.

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February 4, 2016

The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Chair
and Members
Committee on Human Services
State House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Morikawa and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1971, Relating to Safety

I am Keith Horikawa, Captain of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department opposes House Bill No. 1971, Relating to Safety.

This bill proposes the implementation of the Silver Alert System, an alert notification system for missing senior citizens similar in scope, impact, and urgency to the Maile Amber Alert System for missing or abducted minors. Current investigative and public notification protocols for missing persons are effective. We do not see the need for a separate alert system for seniors. Due to the frequency of such cases, we feel that the Silver Alert System would desensitize the public to missing person alerts and have a negative secondary impact of weakening the significance and importance of the Maile Amber Alert System.

The Honolulu Police Department urges you to oppose House Bill No. 1971, Relating to Safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


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