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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1629 HD1,
RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

AND

THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

BY

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MARCH 10, 2020

Aloha Chairs Nishihara and Baker, Vice Chairs Wakai and Chang and Members of the Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, and the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health.

I am Major General Kenneth S. Hara, Adjutant General, Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Advisor. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB 1629 HD1.

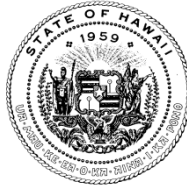
House Bill 1629 HD1 should allocate resources for the Department of Defense to support activities to detect, contain, mitigate and respond to likely effects of COVID-19.

This funding is needed to protect employees, increase planning capabilities, improve continuity of operation plans, and to significantly improve the department's response posture.

The department requires \$1,180,000 for emergency management and response which include, but is not limited to, thermometers, personal protective equipment for responders, operating and office supplies for field work and contract labor for special service planners.

Without the requested funding the department will not have the necessary resources to respond to or mitigate the effects of the COVID-19.

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RELATING TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Senate Committee(s) on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
& Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** appropriating funds to the Department of Health (DOH) for the public health response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Our Airports and Harbors systems are the lifeblood of our economy, the foundation for economic development and job growth, and the ties that bind us. They have a significant impact on the quality of life and livelihood of our state – from the ability to travel within our islands to the transport of people, food, and supplies between Hawai'i and the rest of the world. They touch the life of virtually everyone in the state, playing a vital role in the continued and future success of our economy and our state.

The airports and harbors are on the frontline and potential vectors of COVID-19 and an outbreak puts the state at risk. The DOT recognizes this and works closely with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the State Department of Health to prevent the spread of the virus. We follow their guidance and direction.

The DOT estimated request for the Airport system statewide is \$2.4 million for three months.

In light of Hawaii's first COVID-19 case, it would be prudent to fund protective measures at Hawaii's nine commercial harbors which regularly receive cargo directly and indirectly from Asia and cruise ships that may have exposed passengers from COVID-19 infected areas.

DOT, Harbors Division estimates \$400 thousand for three months.

These estimated figures accounts for additional emergency medical resources, security, personal protective equipment, sanitation supplies, patient care and personnel overtime.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. We are available to answer inquiries and itemization of this request.



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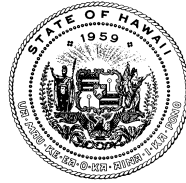
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In consideration of
HOUSE BILL NO. 1629 HD1
RELATING TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health: the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) **supports** House Bill 1629 HD1, which appropriates funds for the purposes of supporting the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Defense (DOD) in their efforts to detect, contain, mitigate, and respond to COVID-19.

Providing this critical funding will allow the DOH and DOD the ability to carry out their respective missions to protect the people of Hawai'i. Now, with the recent confirmation of COVID-19 here in Hawai'i, it is essential that we move quickly to provide resources and support in order to expedite preparedness actions which would enable these agencies to keep our community safe. As with an emergency, an improved and enhanced state of readiness and preparedness will make it easier to respond when necessary.

It is for these reasons that we offer our testimony in **support** of HB1629 HD1. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1629 HD1
RELATING TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES.**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER,
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Hearing Date: March 10, 2020

Room Number: 229

Fiscal Implications: Minimum \$6,600,000 to support additional public health activities necessary for COVID response for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Department Testimony: The Department of Health (DOH) supports this measure and appreciates the intent of the Legislature to assure necessary resources are in place to respond to the fast-evolving novel coronavirus (COVID) threat.

DOH expects to encumber and expend moneys authorized by SB75 Relating to Appropriations, which is intended as an emergency appropriation during this current fiscal year. At a minimum, the department expects at least the same amount of additional funds will be required to mitigate, contain, respond, and recover from COVID in fiscal year 2021-2022. A portion of the \$6,600,000 previously recommended by DOH, will be expended on one-time equipment purchases such as laboratory equipment and supplies, telecommunications and computer supplies, specimen collection kits, etc., and may not be a recurring cost. Other expenses related to communications, overtime, contract labor, quarantine, and isolation may increase if COVID takes hold in Hawaii. If community transmission of COVID is discovered, new categories of expenditure may require funding depending on the scope and scale, such as the need for wrap-around services (food, water, sanitation, transportation, etc.) for residents or visitors in quarantine or isolation.

- 1 Unless there is a drastic change in COVID prevalence in Hawaii, \$6,000,000 should be sufficient
- 2 to support additional public health activities necessary for COVID response for fiscal year 2021-
- 3 2022.
- 4 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.