

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2788,  
RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF**

Before the House Committee on  
**PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

By

Thomas L. Travis  
Administrator, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA)

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) **strongly supports** Senate Bill 2788.

Senate Bill 2788 extends the lapse date of the appropriation for Kauai flooding disaster relief made by Act 12, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, to June 30, 2021.

The County of Kauai has identified projects in collaboration with HI-EMA, taking advantage of these funds. Extending the lapse date will ensure these projects are executed in a deliberate fashion, taking advantage of opportunities for possible federal funding on the larger projects.

Note: My comments represent HI-EMA concerns at the state emergency management level only. I would defer to the separate comment/testimonies of the county emergency management agencies, as they would be the jurisdictions impacted by this legislation at the local level.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 2788.

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**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020  
1:30 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 2788  
RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF**

Senate Bill 2788 proposes to extend the lapse date of the appropriation for Kauai flooding disaster relief made by Act 12, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, to June 30, 2021. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

The Department sustained substantial damage to its facilities on Kauai due to the heavy rains and flooding events in April 2018. The Department received Act 12 funds for recovery response for several locations and facilities and is currently implementing these projects. The additional time to perform the flood response work will be appreciated.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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**SB-2788**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/4/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

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Testimony of Michael Dahilig  
Managing Director, County of Kaua'i

Before the  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs  
February 4, 2020; 1:30 pm  
Conference Room 229

In consideration of  
Senate Bill 2788 Relating to Disaster Relief

Honorable Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

The County of Kaua'i defers to the judgment of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and this committee regarding SB 2788 which extends the date of the appropriation for Kauai flooding disaster relief made by Act 12, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, to June 30, 2021. This bill could aid with any unexpended residual funding or Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursement.

This bill does not impact any already existing funding commitments out of this appropriation between the state and the county. Our departments and agencies are working diligently on county projects previously agreed to by the State Department of Defense as laid out through a series of letters of agreement going back to 2018.

The County of Kaua'i extends its gratitude to the State Legislature for its continued support with our rebuilding after the devastation from the April 2018 flood and Hurricane Lane.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

