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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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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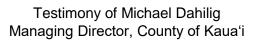
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| Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:





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.

