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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 765, HD1,
RELATING TO MOBILE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS and MEANS

By

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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

House Bill 765, HD1 appropriates funds for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to acquire mobile communications, water, and power service capabilities that can be deployed to each county as needed.

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) **offers comments** on House Bill 765, HD1.

While HI-EMA appreciates the assistance that this measure would provide, since it is outside of the Governor's budget, we feel other sources should be examined to fulfill this objective.

We have seen with recent incidents including the 2018 April Flooding, the 2019 Kilauea Volcanic Eruption, the 2019 Hurricane Lane, the 2019 Maui Fire, and the 2020-2021 COVID-19 Pandemic, that continuity of operations and related resources to implement the essential services can be impacted many ways by these threats. Creating a mobile cache capability and capacity to support these processes would be beneficial to the State operations. HI-EMA and/or other State administrative resources would have to be allocated to support the implementation and maintenance of this initiative.

Thank you.

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