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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1163 SD1
RELATING TO CIVIL AIR PATROL

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON **CORRECTIONS, MILITARY & VETERANS**

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Aloha Chair Hashem, Vice-Chair Chun, and members of the committee:

I am James Barros, Administrator of the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA).

HI-EMA provides written testimony to **SUPPORT** SB1163 SD1.

This measure would appropriate funds for civilian auxiliary aviation services of the type performed by the Hawai'i wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

The CAP is a key partner in state emergency management. Their personnel regularly serve in the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) Emergency Operations Center during emergency and disaster incident responses. They assist in the field with everything from spreading warnings in remote areas before an incident, providing pre-assessment aerial reconnaissance, to assessing the damages and impacts afterward.

CAP provided vital support and assistance during the recent Mauna Loa eruption on the Big Island, providing overflights that allowed for aerial photography to monitor the status of the lava flows and document damage to support a request for a federal disaster declaration.

SB1163 SD1 would reinstate funding which CAP previously received from the State. We support this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact the priorities in the Governor's budget proposals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Comments:

I support SB1163. Please pass this bill.

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