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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL, SB3085 SD2 RELATING TO THE HAWAII CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE

PRESENTATION TO
THE COMMITTEE ON
CORRECTIONS, MILITARY, & VETERANS

BY

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Chair Ohno, Vice Chair Ganaden, and members of the Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans.

I am Major General Kenneth Hara, Adjutant General, Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, and Homeland Security Advisor.

The Department of Defense (DOD) provides written testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB3085 SD2.

The Hawaii Code of Military Justice (HCMJ) was originally enacted in 1982. This measure if passed will update the HCMJ into the 21st Century. This update is needed to give commanders the tools they need to maintain good order and discipline within the State Military Forces while simultaneously protecting the due process rights of the accused.

These changes were based on a model provided by the National Guard Bureau, and bring non-judicial punishment and court-martial procedures further in line with the Uniform Code of Military Justice, as contained in title 10 United States Code. These revisions will also further develop confidence in an independent military justice system.

The proposed changes in this bill were coordinated with the Judiciary. They were subsequently modified and amended by the Legislature, and the DOD has no objects and concurs with the proposed modifications and amendments.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB3085 SD2.

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I support SB3085. Please pass. Thank you.

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