



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 3087, SD1, HD1
RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

BY

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March 30, 2022

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice-Chair Matayoshi, and Members of the
Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB 3087,
SD1, HD1.

Senate Bill 3087, SD1, HD1 creates a new chapter in the Hawaii Revised
Statutes to reincorporate the Emergency Management Assistance Compact;
repeals chapter 128F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Through the authority of the Governor, the EMAC is implemented by the
Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, which is governed by chapter 127A,
HRS. Having the EMAC terms and provisions moved into the emergency
management series of HRS chapters provides concise, logical organization to
the emergency management laws of Hawaii.

Senate Bill 3087, SD1, HD1 would align HI-EMA with best emergency
management practices across the country. This measure is expected to have
no fiscal impact.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill
3087, SD1, HD1.

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Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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 SB 3087, SD1, HD1.

This measure, if passed would, create a new chapter in the Hawaii Revised Statutes to reincorporate the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. Repeals chapter 128F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Through the authority of the Governor, the EMAC is implemented by the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, which is governed by chapter 127A, HRS. Having the EMAC terms and provisions moved into the emergency management series of HRS chapters provides concise, logical organization to the emergency management laws of Hawai'i.

I support the logical alignment of the HI-EMA with best emergency management practices across the country. Moving EMAC terms and provisions into the emergency management series of HRS chapters provides concise, logical organization to the emergency management laws of Hawai'i.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 3087, SD1, HD1.

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