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

PRESENTED TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA  
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FEBRUARY 8, 2022

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs.

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

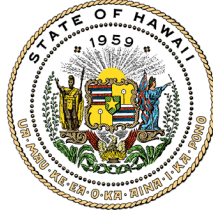
The Department of Defense (DOD) provides written testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB 3087.

This measure, if passed would, repeals chapter 128F, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS); and creates a new, appropriately designated chapter in the 127A series of HRS chapters to reincorporate the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

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, and I support the logical alignment of the HI-EMA with best emergency management practices across the country.

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

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Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee:

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

Senate Bill 3087 repeals chapter 128F, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS); and creates a new, appropriately designated chapter in the 127A series of HRS chapters to reincorporate the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

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.

Senate Bill 3087 would align HI-EMA with best emergency management practices across the country.

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

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**TESTIMONY**

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RE: **SB3087** to be heard on Tuesday February 8

**Please oppose this bill.**

This bill creates a job that takes away responsibilities of other departments that are already funded. Those issues were clearly taken care of and the proof is in Hawaii's low COVID impact on those infanstructures. That money to be allocated to this is better spent elsewhere. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Feena Bonoan  
Vice Chair  
February 7, 2022