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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1037 RELATING TO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

BY EVERETT S. KANESHIGE STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

Aloha Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Poepoe and members of the committee:

My name is Everett Kaneshige, and I am the Statewide Interoperable Communications Coordinator with the Office of Homeland Security at the State Department of Defense.

The Office of Homeland Security provides written testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB1037.

This measure, if passed, updates the language in Chapter 128A, Part II of the Hawaii Revised Statutes regarding the statewide interoperable communications executive committee and the statewide interoperable communications coordinator as part of the migration of the Office of Homeland Security to the Department of Law Enforcement.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB1037.

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Testifiers: Jordan Lowe or Michael Vincent

Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Poepoe, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) supports House Bill 1037.

This bill is a housekeeping measure to accurately reflect the migration of the Office of Homeland Security from the Department of Defense to the Department of Law Enforcement on January 1, 2024.

This bill is needed accurately reflect the location of the Statewide Public Safety Interoperable Communications functions of the Office of Homeland Security.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.



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Aloha Chair Ichiyama, Vice-Chair Poepoe, and members of the committee.

I am Major General Kenneth Hara, Adjutant General, Director of Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, and Homeland Security Advisor, State of Hawai'i, Department of Defense

The Department of Defense (DEF) provides written testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB1037.

This measure updates language in Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 128A, Part II regarding the Statewide Interoperable Communications Coordinator (SWIC) as part of the migration of the Office of Homeland Security to the Department of Law Enforcement effective January 1, 2024.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB1037.

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