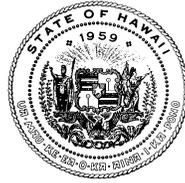


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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB2454
MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH.**

REP. KYLE T. YAMASHITA, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Hearing Date: February 21, 2024

Room Number: 308

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** \$1,500,000 general fund appropriation.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) main office at Kinau Hale in
- 3 downtown Honolulu (1250 Punchbowl Street) is in a dilapidated condition that contributes to
- 4 increasingly frequent disturbances of asbestos in the ceiling and floor of the building. Although
- 5 multiple ambient air testing confirms that the air in the building is currently safe, a major
- 6 incident such as heavy rains causing massive roof leaks may significantly elevate risk.
- 7 Some staff have been permitted to temporarily relocate and emergency funding is needed in the
- 8 event that DOH must significantly relocate staff and equipment due to asbestos disturbance or
- 9 other catastrophic building failure requiring immediate evacuation and significant remediation.
- 10 Funds are also requested to begin preliminary planning for redevelopment of the parcel on which
- 11 Kinau Hale is built and to make temporary repairs and take mitigative steps to keep Kinau Hale
- 12 safe for employees during the interim period.
- 13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments:

I oppose HB2454.