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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 3109
RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Lee, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT of SB3109**.

This measure prioritizes the safety and resilience of Hawai'i's communities. As our state faces increasing threats from hurricanes, wildfires, flooding, and other natural and man-made disasters, a clear and effective emergency management structure is essential to protect lives and property. This bill strengthens readiness by establishing a clearly defined leadership role with responsibility and authority commensurate with statewide emergency management, and aligning the organizational structure to support seamless response and coordination among state, county, and federal partners during disasters and emergencies.

Additionally, including this position in the Commission on Salaries' recommendations appropriately recognizes the critical nature of this executive position and will ensure the recruitment and retention of highly qualified leadership.

For these reasons, I humbly ask for your support with this measure.

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Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Lee, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT of SB3109.**

This measure prioritizes the safety and resilience of Hawai'i's communities. As our state faces increasing threats from hurricanes, wildfires, flooding, and other natural and man-made disasters, a clear and effective emergency management structure is essential to protect lives and property. This bill improves the readiness of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency by establishing a clearly defined leadership role with responsibility and authority commensurate with statewide emergency management. It aligns the organizational structure to support seamless response and coordination among state, county, and federal partners during disasters and emergencies and will improve the organizational structure in the department.

Additionally, including this position in the Commission on Salaries' recommendations appropriately recognizes the critical nature of this executive position and will ensure the recruitment and retention of highly qualified and experienced leadership.

For these reasons, I humbly ask for your support with this measure.

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Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide **SUPPORT** testimony on Senate Bill 3109, which establishes the Administrator of the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA) as the Deputy Director of Emergency Management within the Department of Defense.

Senate Bill 3109 will afford the Deputy Director with the appropriate levels of command and responsibility, which aligns with the Hawai'i Revised Statutes in 127A and the Department of Human Resources Development.

I respectfully urge your support for this essential measure. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 3109.

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