

HB1343 HD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.
Report Title: Business Recovery Center; Natural Disaster; Appropriation (\$)
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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

TESTIMONY ON HB 1343 HD1

PRESENTATION TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY
AND
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

DOUG MAYNE
ADMINISTRATOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
March 20, 2015

Chairs Wakai and Espero, Vice Chairs Slom and Baker, and Members of the Committee.

I am Doug Mayne and I am the Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of HB 1343 HD1.

House Bill 1343 HD1 appropriates bond funding to match a federal grant of \$1,159,000 to enable Hawai'i to develop a Business Recovery Center (BRC). The purpose of the Business Recovery Center is to become a location (physical and virtual) for the private sector and government to share information and to collaborate before, during and after disasters.

Activities that will occur in the BRC include: establishing information channels to allow the private sector to access information including the status of utilities and roads; allowing the private sector to post information about operating hours during and after disasters; and a location to post requests for proposals so local businesses can bid on contracts let during and after disasters.

The focus of the BRC is to develop procedures to speed information flow and collaboration to ensure the economy of Hawai'i recovers as quickly as possible after a disaster.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** to HB 1343.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1343 HD1
A BILL RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

PRESENTATION TO
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BY
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March 23, 2015

Chair Wakai, Chair Espero, Vice Chair Slom, Vice Chair Baker and the Members of the Senate Committees on Economic Development and Technology, and Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

I am Brigadier General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 1343 HD1.

This measure appropriates \$328,000.00 for the establishment of a business recovery center within the Department of Defense. This appropriation is necessary for the State of Hawaii to receive the Federal match of \$1,159,000.00 to support this initiative.

A business recovery center is an online website where business and government agencies collaborate before, during and after a disaster. Federal disaster program information is distributed through this portal.

After a major disaster, the longer a business remains closed dramatically increases the risk of that business failing. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has found that about 40% of small businesses fail after a catastrophic event.

The business recovery center will be an important part of Hawaii's recovery after a major disaster. Please support this important resiliency initiative.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 1343 HD1.



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Economic Development and
Technology and Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs
Monday, March 23, 2015 at 3:20 P.M.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol**

RE: HOUSE BILL 1343 HD1 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairs Wakai and Espero, Vice Chairs Slom and Baker, and Members of the Committees:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** HB 1343 HD1, which appropriates moneys for the establishment of a business recovery center within the Department of Defense.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Businesses play an important role in providing resources and information after a natural disaster. Establishment of a business recovery center to facilitate communication between state and county agencies and local businesses is a good start to help businesses and their employees begin to recover and revitalize the economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.