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March 2, 2015

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 207  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Tokuda:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 892, Senate Draft (SD) 1  
Relating to Omnibus Hawaii Resilience and Sustainability Strategy

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support the intent of SB 892, SD 1, which makes appropriations for a Hawaii resilience and sustainability strategy in the areas of broadband, joint emergency management, energy efficiency and smart grid, and water and sewer infrastructure.

We believe this measure seeks to improve first responder communications across jurisdictions and among different agencies. Having the ability to communicate quickly and effectively at an emergency incident is a critical component for effecting a successful outcome. Any step to secure funds for a state training facility would greatly enhance natural and manmade disaster preparedness that are currently not available to county first responders. We respectfully request consideration to participate in the planning phase of the center.

The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 892, SD 1.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or [sbratakos@honolulu.gov](mailto:sbratakos@honolulu.gov).

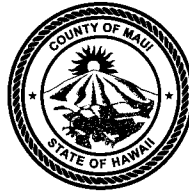
Sincerely,

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MANUEL P. NEVES  
Chair

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March 3, 2015

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The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 207  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Tokuda

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JEFFREY A. MURRAY  
Fire Chief