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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 425,
RELATING TO PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS**

Before the House Committee on
PANDEMIC AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

By

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Aloha Chair Ichiyama, Vice-Chair Eli and Members of the Committee:

House Bill 425 prohibits the issuance of building permits for new building construction unless the applicant provides sufficient proof that the building will be able to withstand category four hurricanes. Beginning 1/1/2022, requires building permits to be obtained for work performed for state government agencies on all new public buildings, and requires new public buildings to be designed to withstand category five hurricanes.

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) **offers comments on** House Bill 425.

HI-EMA appreciates the intent behind HB425 but wishes to further discuss the merits of the measure with the various stakeholders within the State. Buildings in our State are vulnerable to extreme winds and measures like this increase the preparedness and resiliency not only for the short-term, but the long-term. As we have seen in many areas across the globe impacted by tropical systems, the stronger the buildings and infrastructure—though more investment is needed—the safer the locations and the faster recovery can be implemented.

Thank you.

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Comments:

Aloha ..

my name is adele rugg .. i live on Maui .. and i strongly support this bill ..

mahalo nui loa for reading my testimony ..