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To: The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Chair,
The Honorable Stacelynn K.M. Eli, Jr, Vice Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Pandemic and Disaster
Preparedness

Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2020
Time: 9:45 a.m.
Place: Via Video Conference

From: Anne Perreira-Eustaquio, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: H.B. No. 825 RELATING TO EMERGENCY POWERS

I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

This measure seeks to specify that the Governor's emergency powers include the authority to assume control, use, or operate any state facility at no cost or requirement of compensation.

The DLIR strongly supports this measure.

II. CURRENT LAW

Section 127A-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes provides the Governor various powers pertaining to emergency management.

III. COMMENTS ON THE HOUSE BILL

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the DLIR rented various state facilities to process unemployment insurance claims and set-up call centers to answer claimant telephone calls. Despite the facilities being state-owned, the DLIR is required to pay rent, utilities, and other costs related to the rental of the facilities. Clarifying that the Governor's emergency powers include being able to assume control, use, or operate any facility at no cost or requirement of compensation will enable the State to be more quickly respond to crises as well as save the State valuable funds and resources during difficult economic times.

HB-825

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Testimony for PDP on 2/2/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Ball	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We've seen first hand how an ineffective and indecisive Government operates in a willy hilly manner. To allow the Government to do so without consequence or compensation to affected parties is to give the Government unchecked power.

as representatives of the people, you should not stand for this nor support it.